

2018 Park City AP Update

**Well-differentiated
hepatocellular lesions**

Evidence-based Immunohistochemical Panels

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Outline

Hepatocellular adenoma

- **WHO Classification**
- **Role of Immunohistochemistry**
 - Diagnosis of histologic subtypes**
 - Distinction from HCC and FNH**

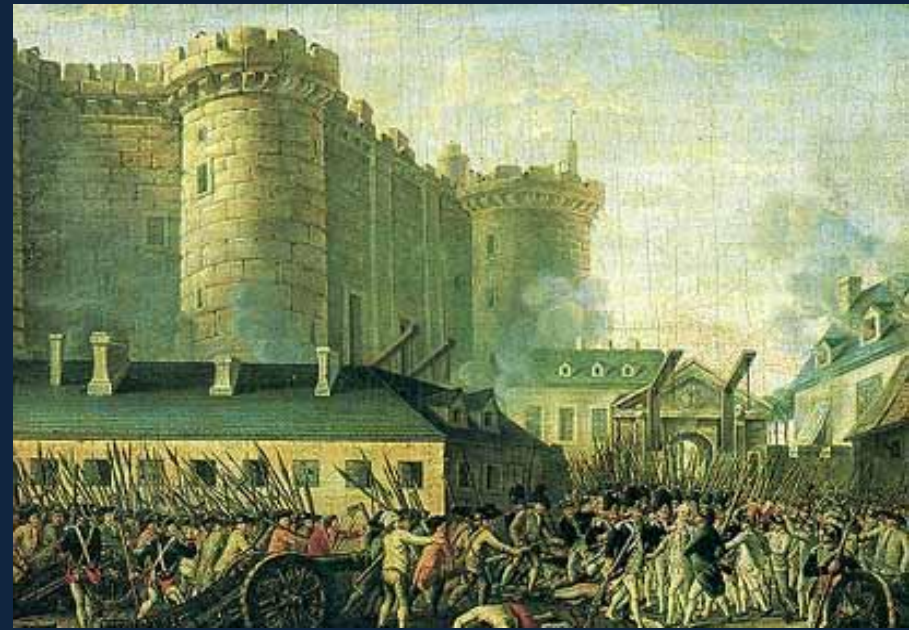
Hepatocellular adenoma

A story of two revolutions

American Revolution



French Revolution



Oral contraceptives and HCA



Janet Baum, MD
Dept of Radiology
Beth Israel, Harvard Univ

Journal reviews

JAMA

New England Journal of Medicine

Radiology

Rejected with ridicule

Lancet. 1973;2:926-9.

Possible association between benign hepatomas and oral contraceptives.

Baum JK, Bookstein JJ, Holtz F, Klein EW.

Abstract

7 case reports of women with benign hepatic adenoma suggest that, since all of the women were taking oral contraceptives (OCs), there may be an association between ingestion of exogenous hormones and development of benign hepatoma of the liver. The cases were rapidly diagnosed by using hepatic arteriography; prompt, precise diagnosis is emphasized because, though the tumors are benign, they may cause serious, if not fatal, hemorrhage if left unchecked. Case 1 was a 26-year-old woman who had taken Enovid for 2 years, who presented with acute abdomen and impending shock. Coliotomy was performed, in which a left-lobe hepatic tumor was found; she underwent left hepatectomy and cholecystectomy and no evidence of recurrence was found 1 year later. Case 2 had been taking Oracon for a unknown time. Case 3, on OCs for 6 years, had a pedunculated mobile tumor removed. Case 4, 25 years old, had been taking Ovral for 6 months before diagnosis and excision of a right lobe liver tumor. Case 5, 5 years on combined OCs, required surgical intervention for a hypervascular mass. Case 6, taking a total of 8 years of OC therapy, was operated on for an hepatic mass which was a white-to-yellow hemorrhagic mass. Case 7, taking Enovid for 7 years, yielded a surgical specimen that was hemorrhagic, partly necrotic, and yellow-tan, about 10 cm in diameter.





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Re: Ms. #13353, "Liver Tumors and Oral Contraceptives," Baum et al; and
Ms. #13307, "Liver Cell Adenoma and Oral Contraceptives," Antoniades

Dear Doctor Baum:

The Journal will be pleased (even with some embarrassment) to publish your letter in a future issue. Evidently, some editors of The Journal missed the boat about five years ago--but I must admit that any of us may do so sometimes.

I have changed the wording slightly at one point: I do not believe we can confidently say that Dr. Mays made no mention of your article. It is possible that he did so and the Medical News reporter just didn't record the fact

Hepatocellular adenoma

The French Revolution

HCA: genetic classification

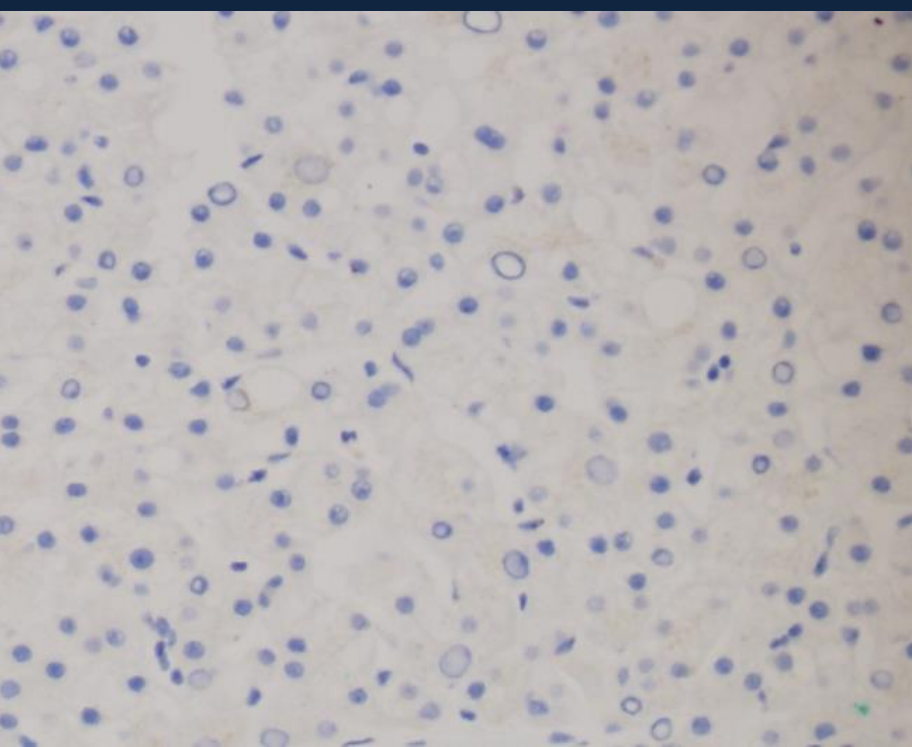
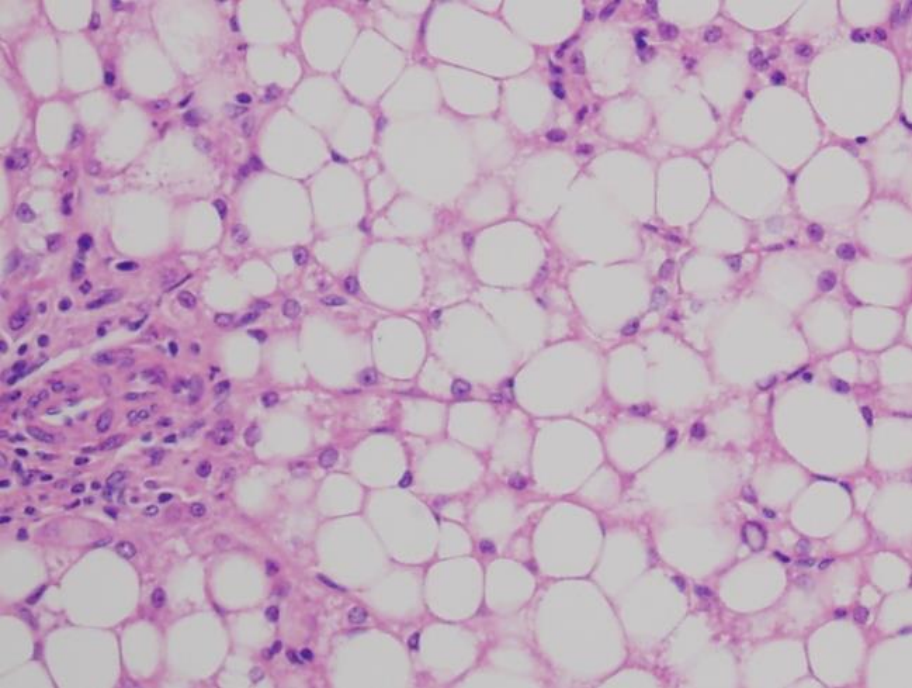
HNF-1α inactivation	<i>TCF1</i> gene that encodes hepatocyte nuclear factor
β-catenin activation	<i>CTTNB1</i> exon 3 mutation (encodes β-catenin)
IL-6 pathway activated (Inflammatory)	<i>IL6R</i> gene (encodes gp130), <i>FRK</i>, <i>STAT3</i>, <i>GNAS</i>
Mutation-negative	No <i>HNF-1α</i> or β-catenin mutation

HCA subtypes

	HNF1α- mutated	β-catenin mutated	Inflammatory
Women	~90%	~ 60%	~90%
Histologic features	Steatosis	Cytologic abnormalities	Sinusoidal dilatation Inflammation Ductular reaction
Association with HCC	Rare	40%	Uncommon

HCA: immunohistochemistry

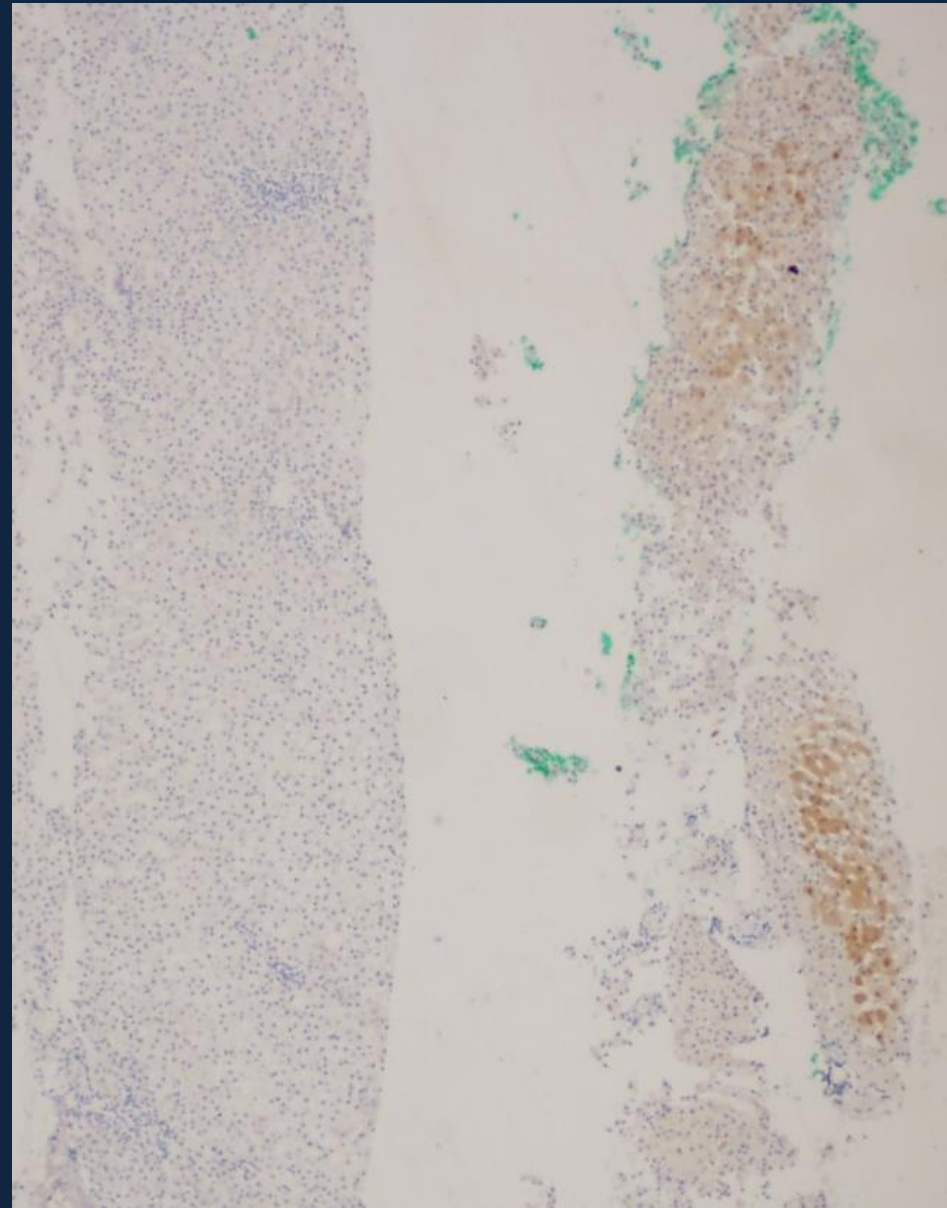
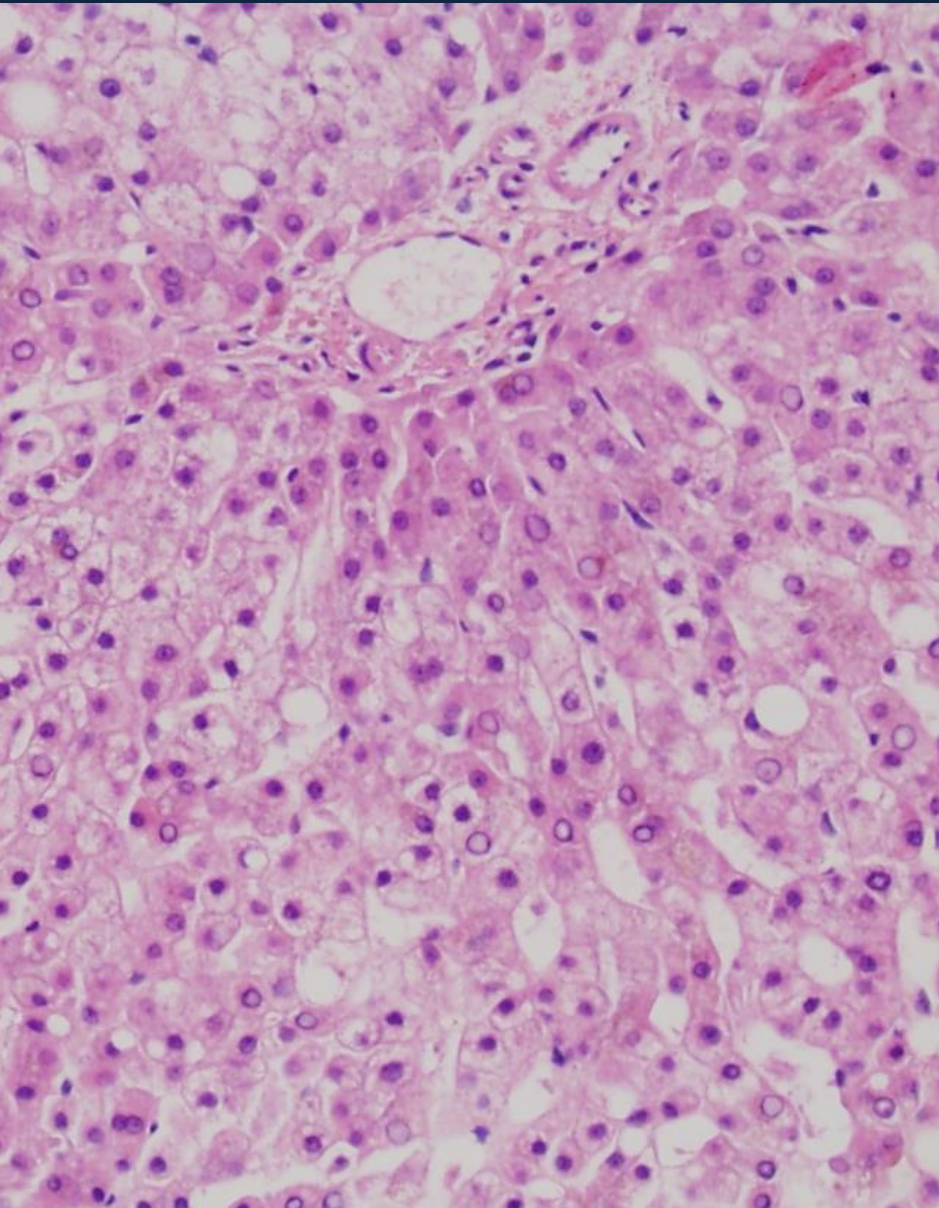
HNF-1 α mutated	β -catenin mutated	Inflammatory	Unclassified
-Liver fatty acid binding protein (LFABP)	- β -catenin -Glutamine synthetase (GS)	-C reactive protein (CRP) -Serum amyloid associated protein (SAA)	No defining features
LFABP negative	Nuclear β -catenin Diffuse GS	CRP+ SAA+	



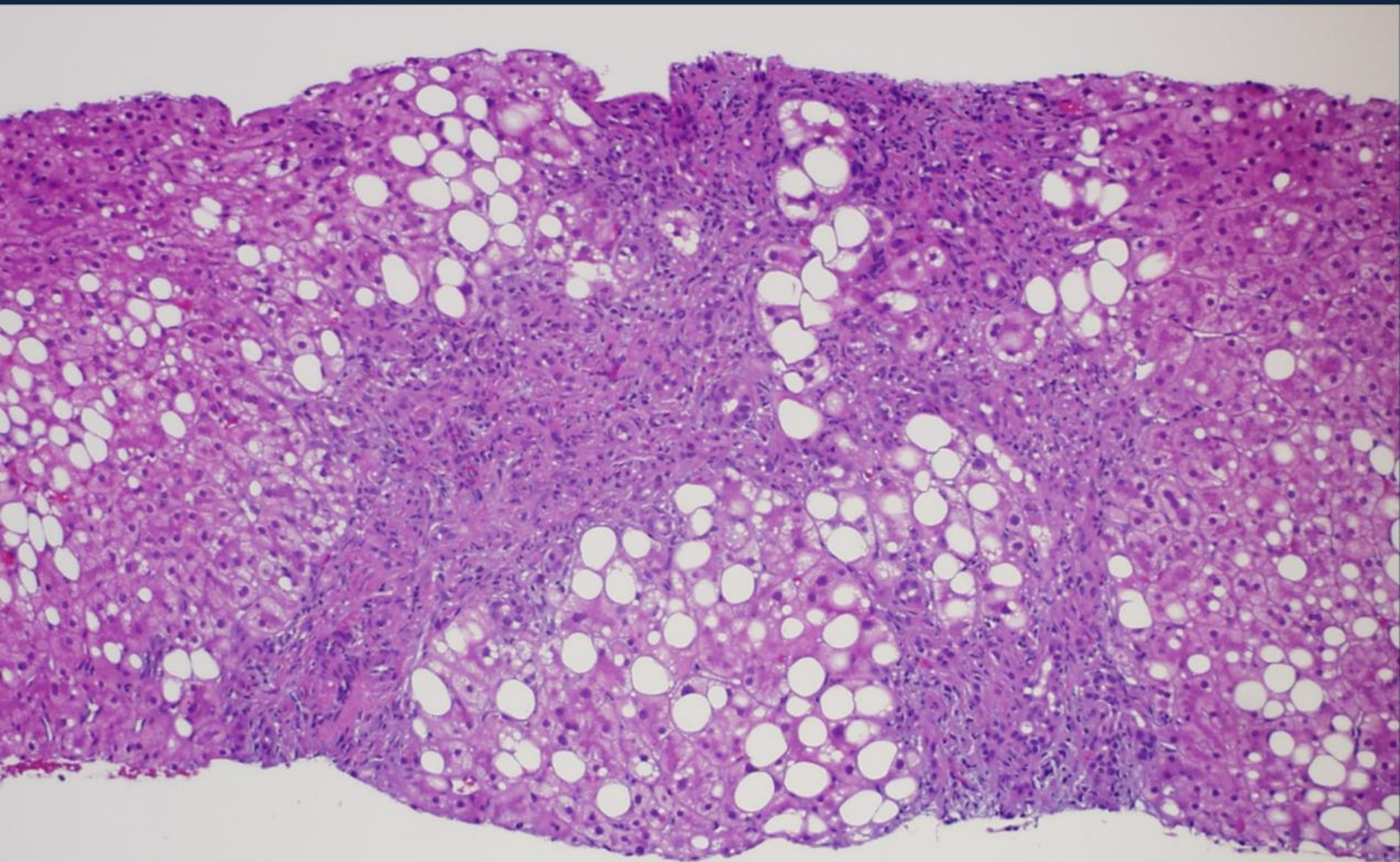
HNF1 α mutated (H-HCA)

- **Women**
- **Steatosis**
- **Atypia, risk of HCC: minimal**
- **Fatty acid binding protein absent**

H-HCA without fat



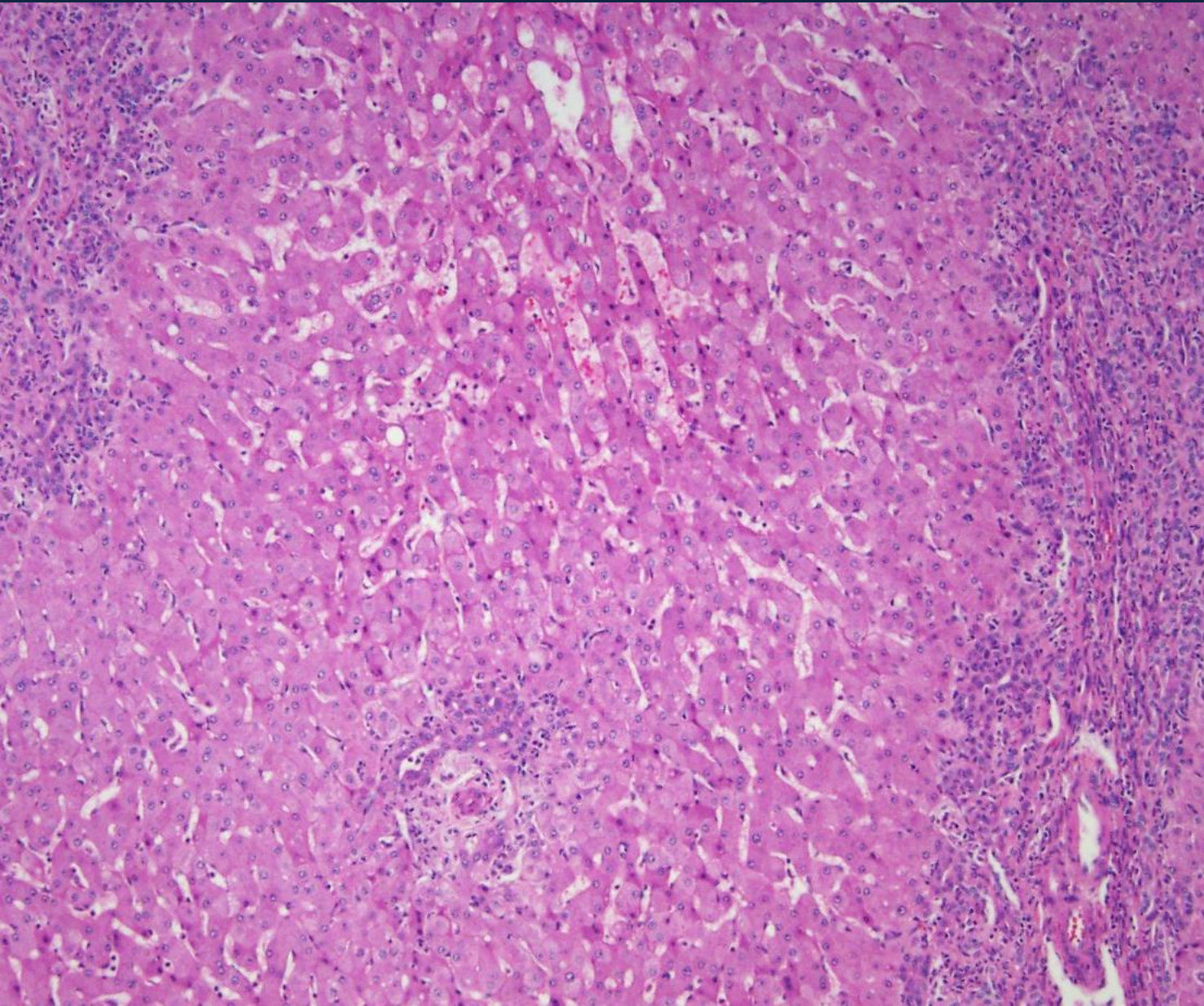
FNH with fat



HCA: genotype-phenotype

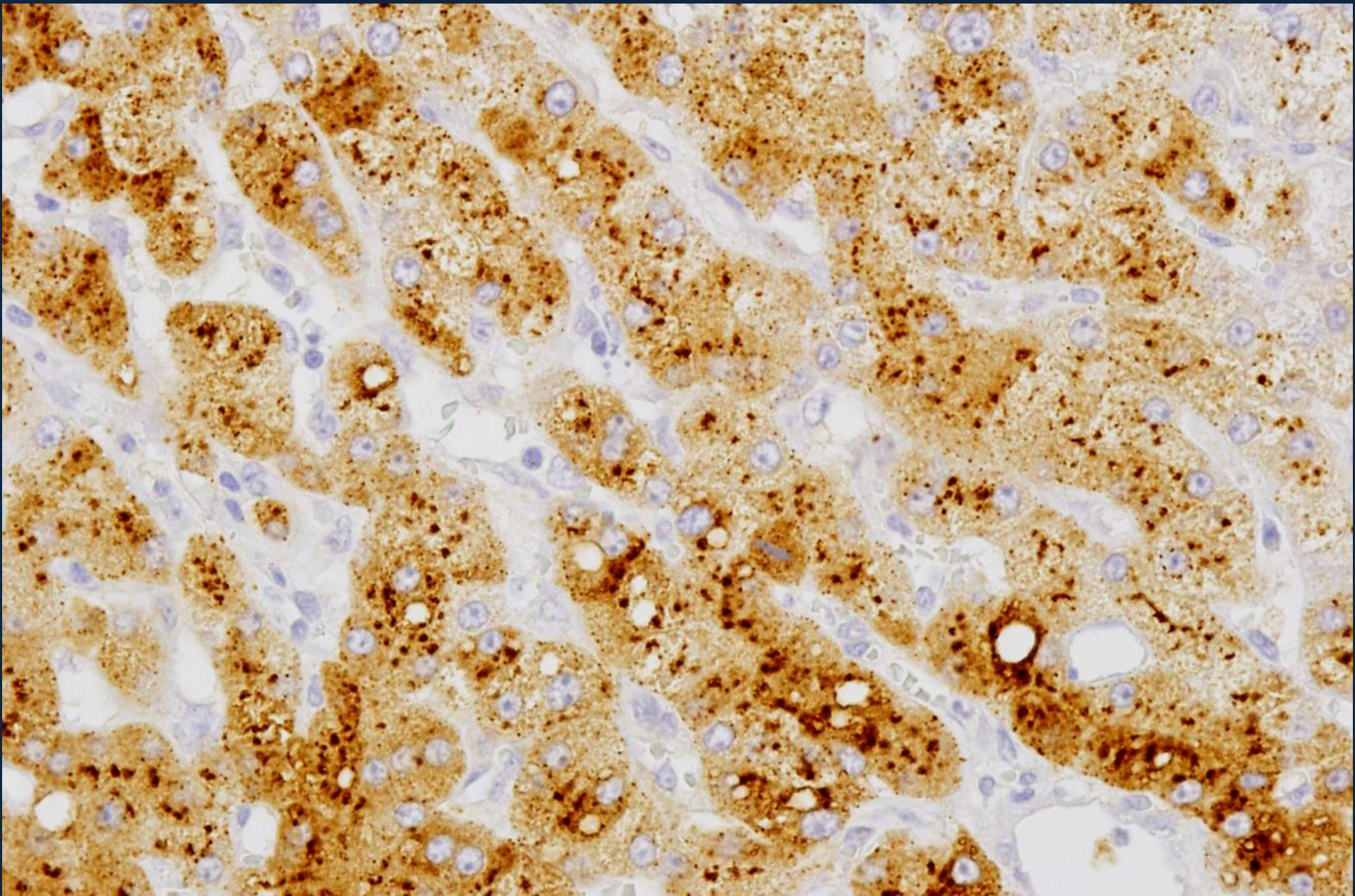
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Inflammatory hepatocellular adenoma (I-HCA)



- Inflammation
- Sinusoidal dilatation
- Ductular reaction

SAA in inflammatory adenoma



HCA: immunohistochemistry

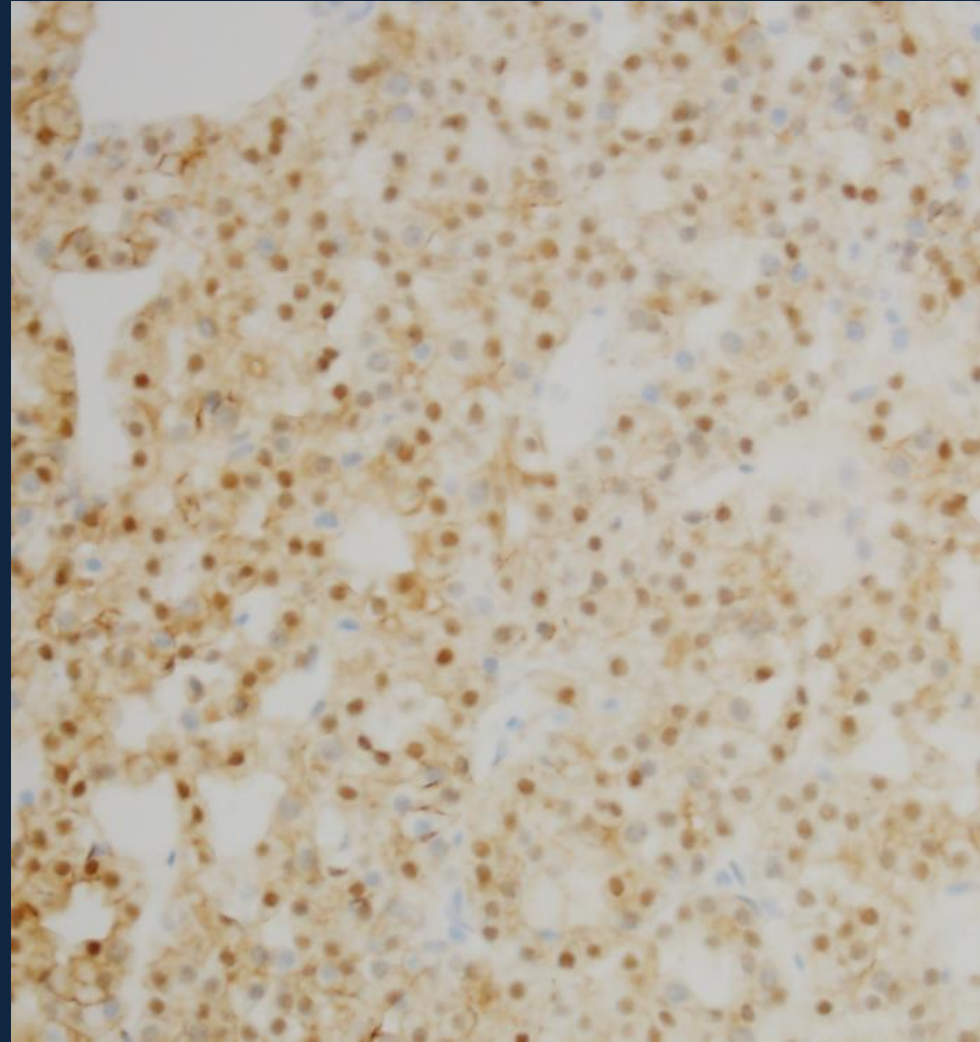
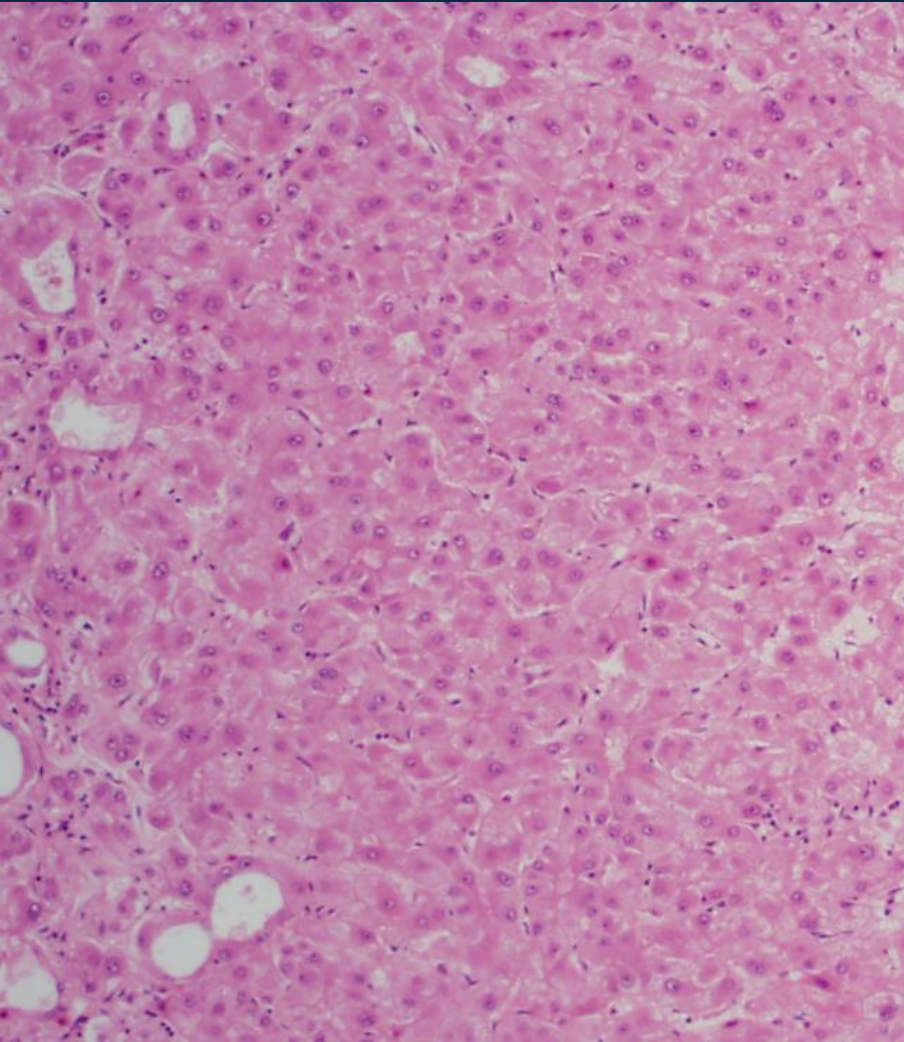
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β -catenin mutated, exon 3 (b-HCA)

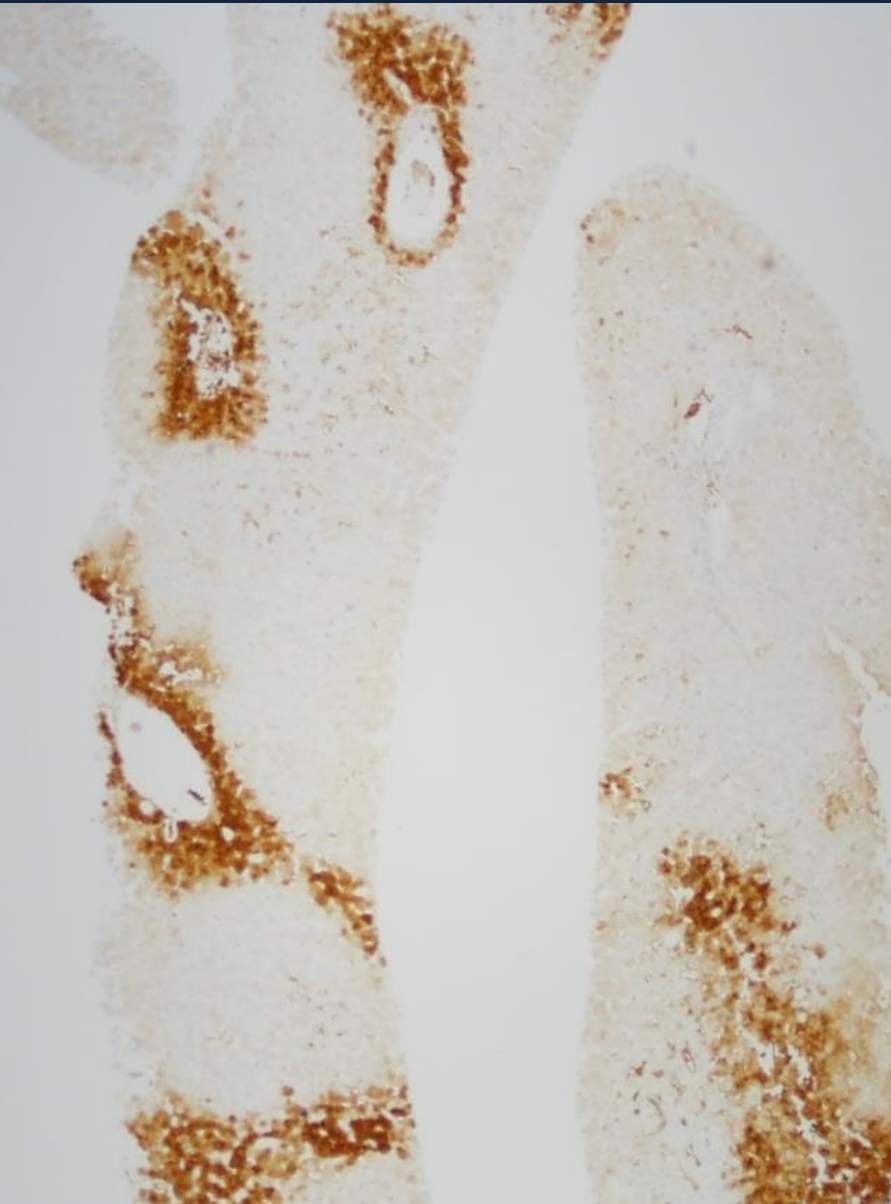
-40% men

-Cytologic atypia, frequent association with HCC

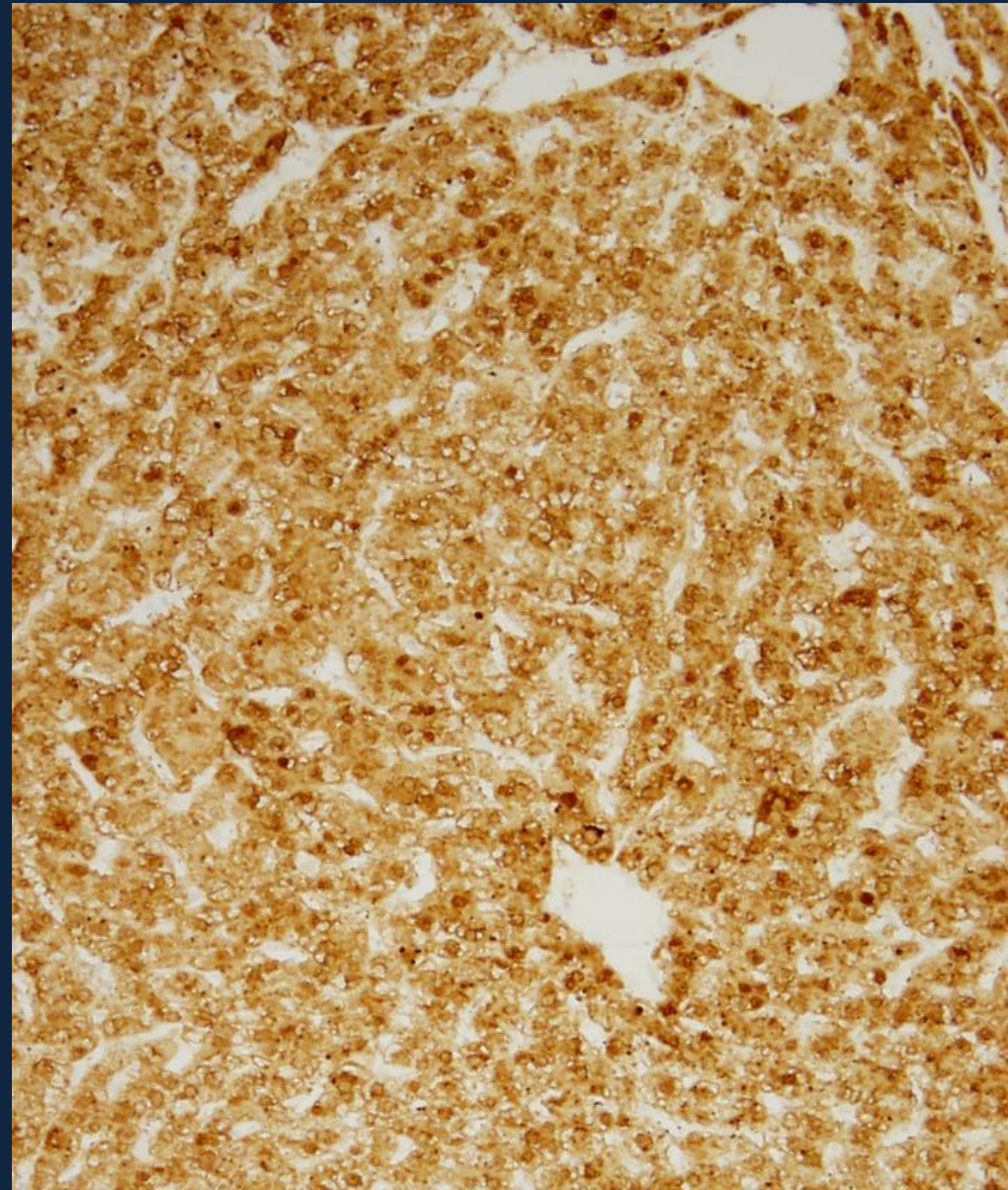
-Nuclear translocation of β -catenin



**Normal liver:
perivenular GS**



**β -catenin-activation:
diffuse GS**



HCA: WHO classification 2010

HNF-1α inactivated	Inflammatory	β-catenin activated
35-50%	40-50%	10%
Women, OC use	Women (OCs), men Obesity, diabetes	40% in men Androgens, glycogen storage disease
Marked steatosis, no atypia	Inflammation, sinusoidal dilatation, ductular reaction	Pseudoacinar, small cell change
HCC rare	HCC rare	HCC 40%
LFABP negative	SAA positive CRP positive	Nuclear β-catenin Diffuse GS

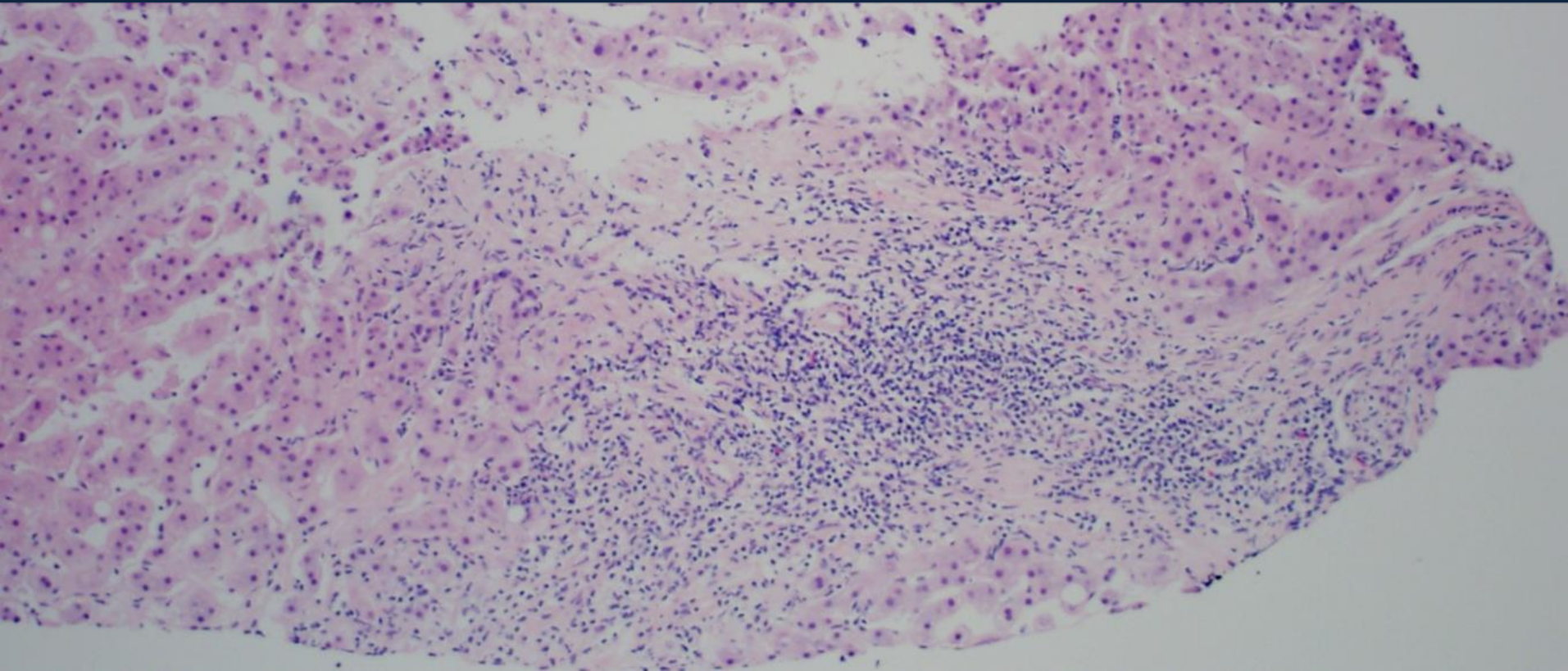
Unclassified (5-10%): no known defining features

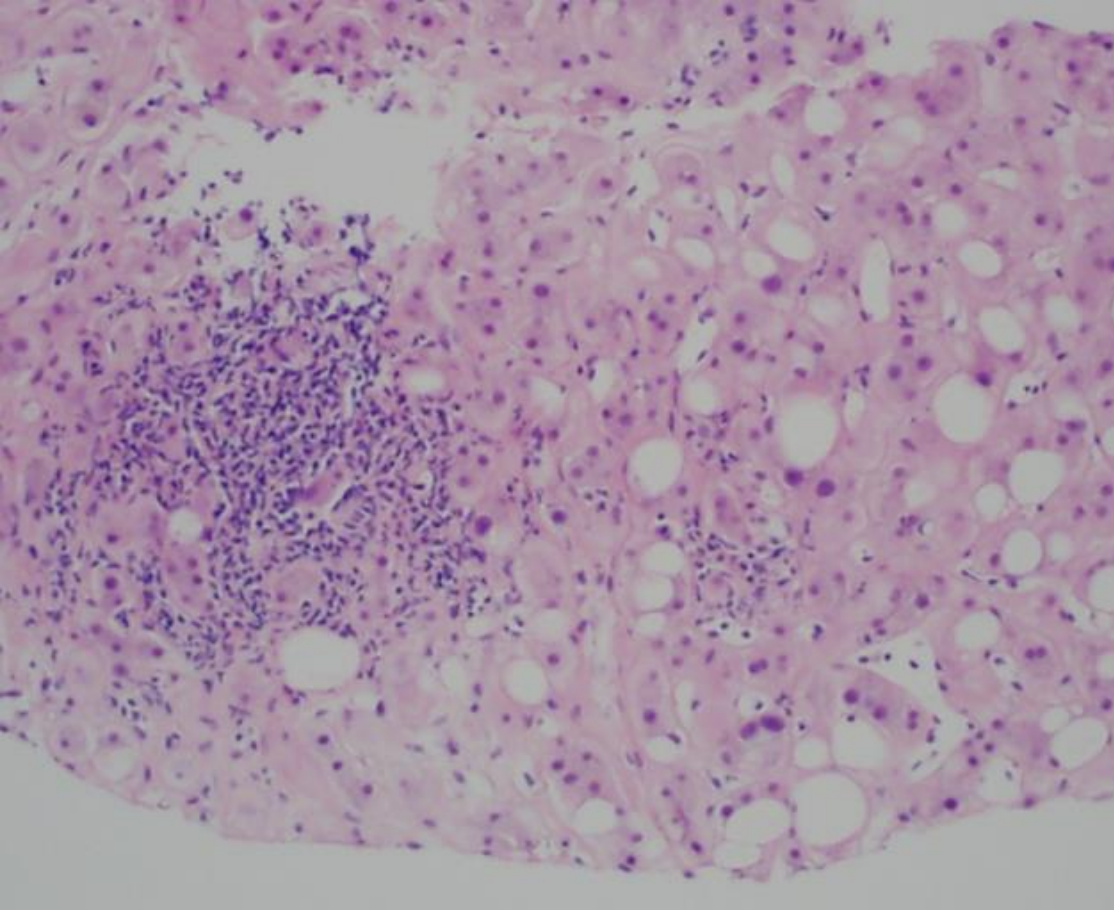
Practical considerations

- Are all stains necessary for clinical care?
- Is it necessary to determine subtype of HCA?
- What is the significance of β -catenin activation

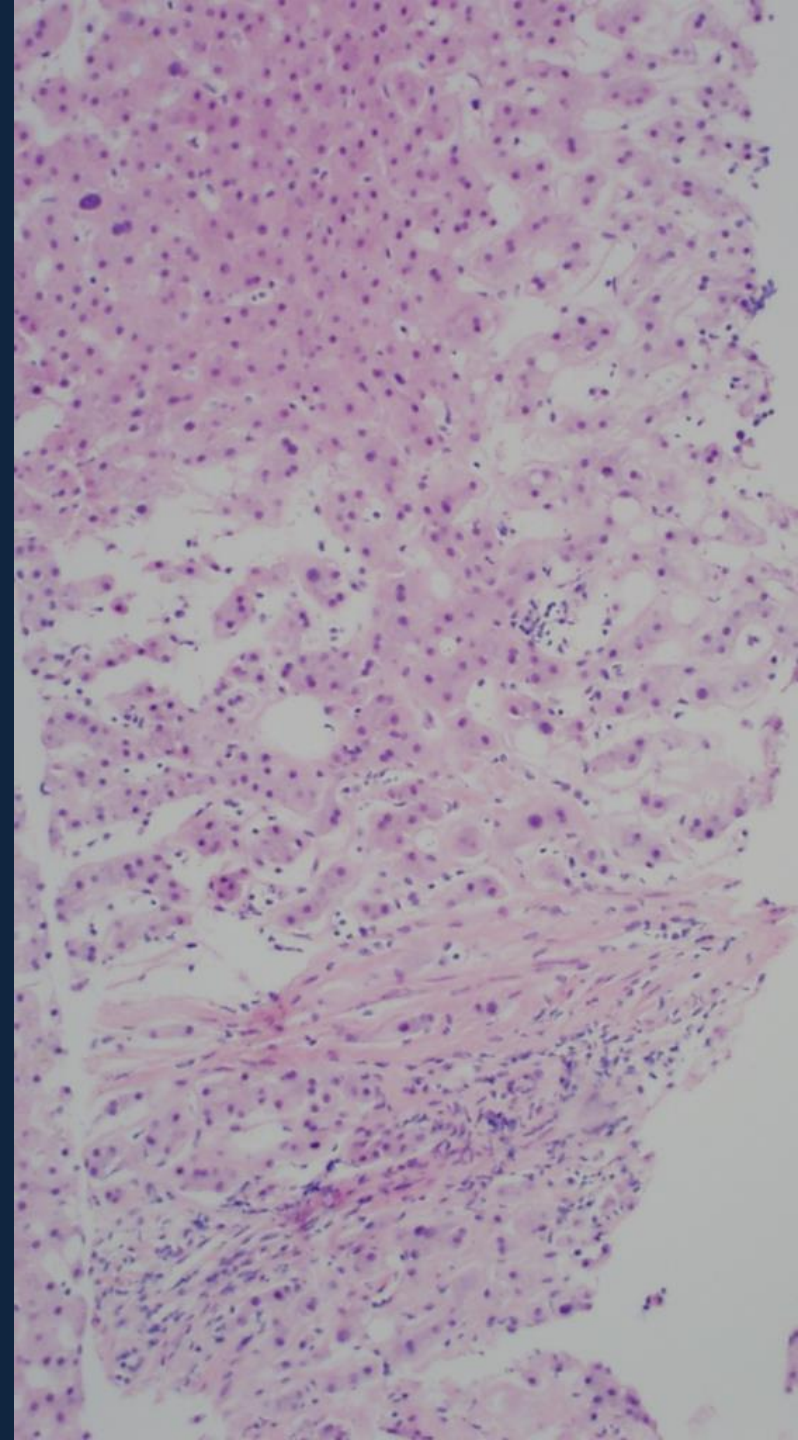
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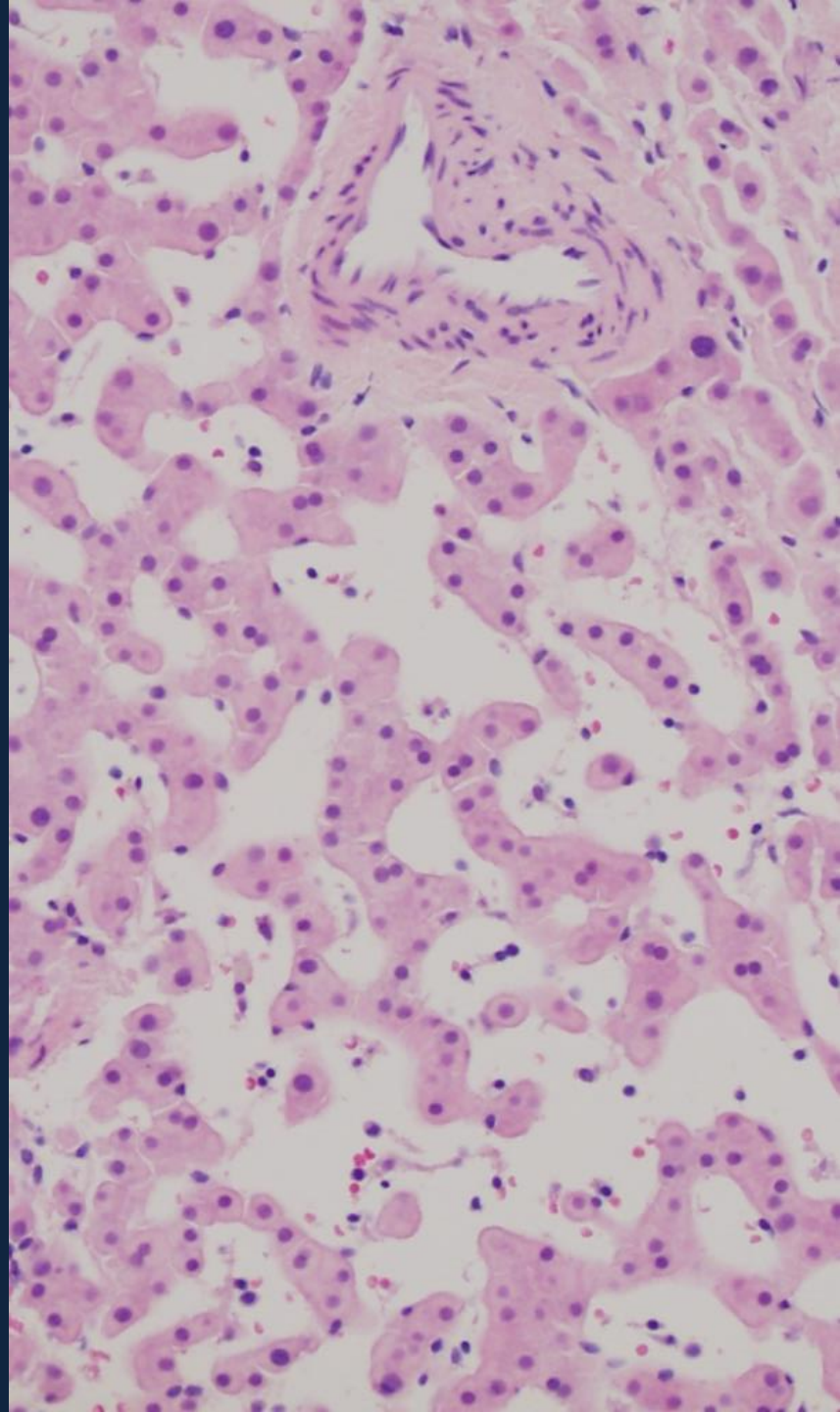
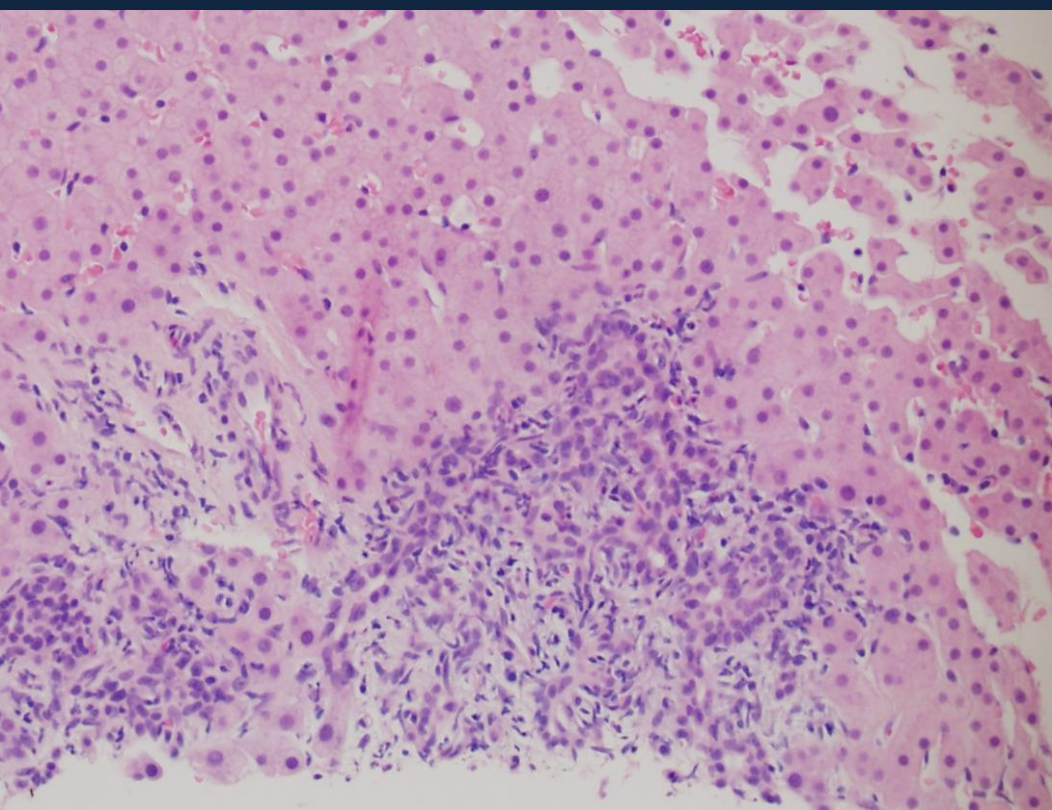
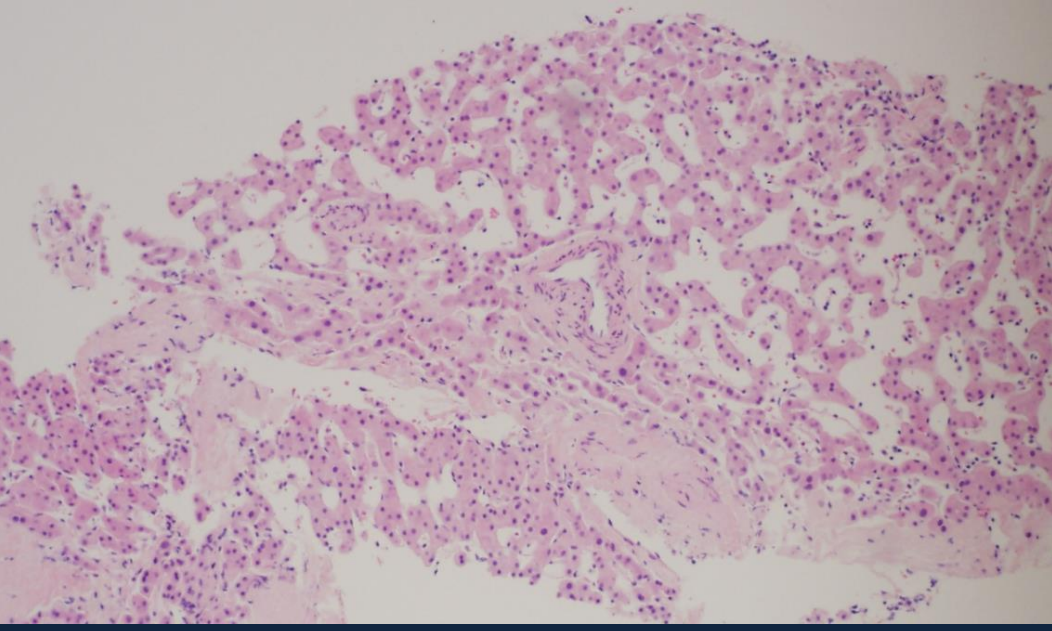
- 32 year old woman on OCs
- Ultrasound for workup of abdominal pain
- 5 cm liver mass, suggestive of FNH on imaging





- Inflammation**
- Arterioles**
- Few ductules**
- Sinusoidal dilatation**





FNH vs. HCA

	Focal nodular hyperplasia	Hepatocellular adenoma
Clonality	Polyclonal	Monoclonal
Resection	Not required except when symptomatic	Most cases (>5 cm, male gender)

FNH vs. HCA

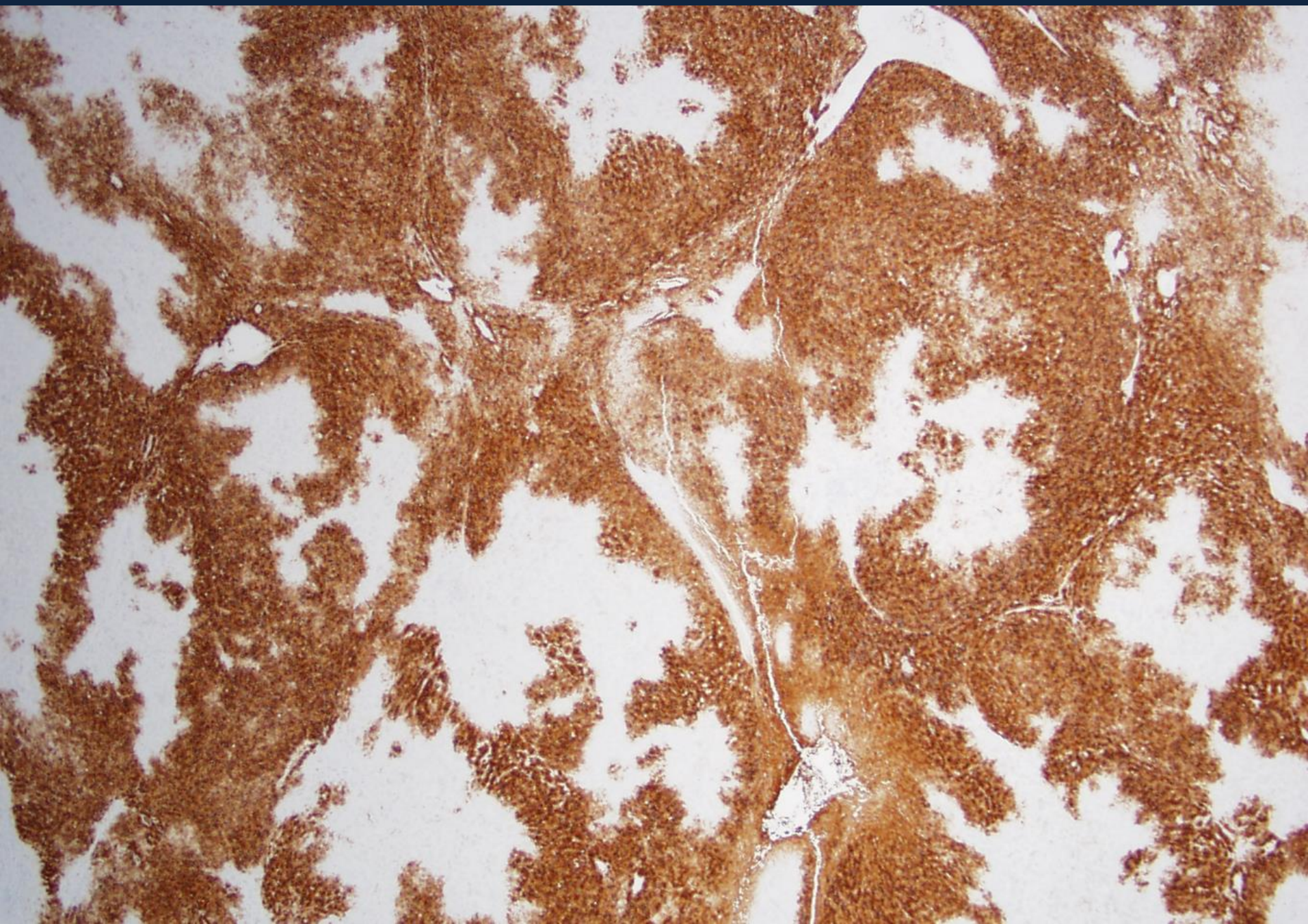
	Focal nodular hyperplasia	Hepatocellular adenoma
Central scar	Present	Absent
Fibrous septa	Typically present	Typically absent
Nodular architecture	Present	Absent
Ductular reaction	Generally prominent	Absent

Histologic feature	FNH	Inflammatory HCA
Fibrous bands	90%	26%
Ductular reaction	83%	43%
Sinusoidal dilatation	18%	83%
Inflammation	40%	60%
Steatosis	21%	57%

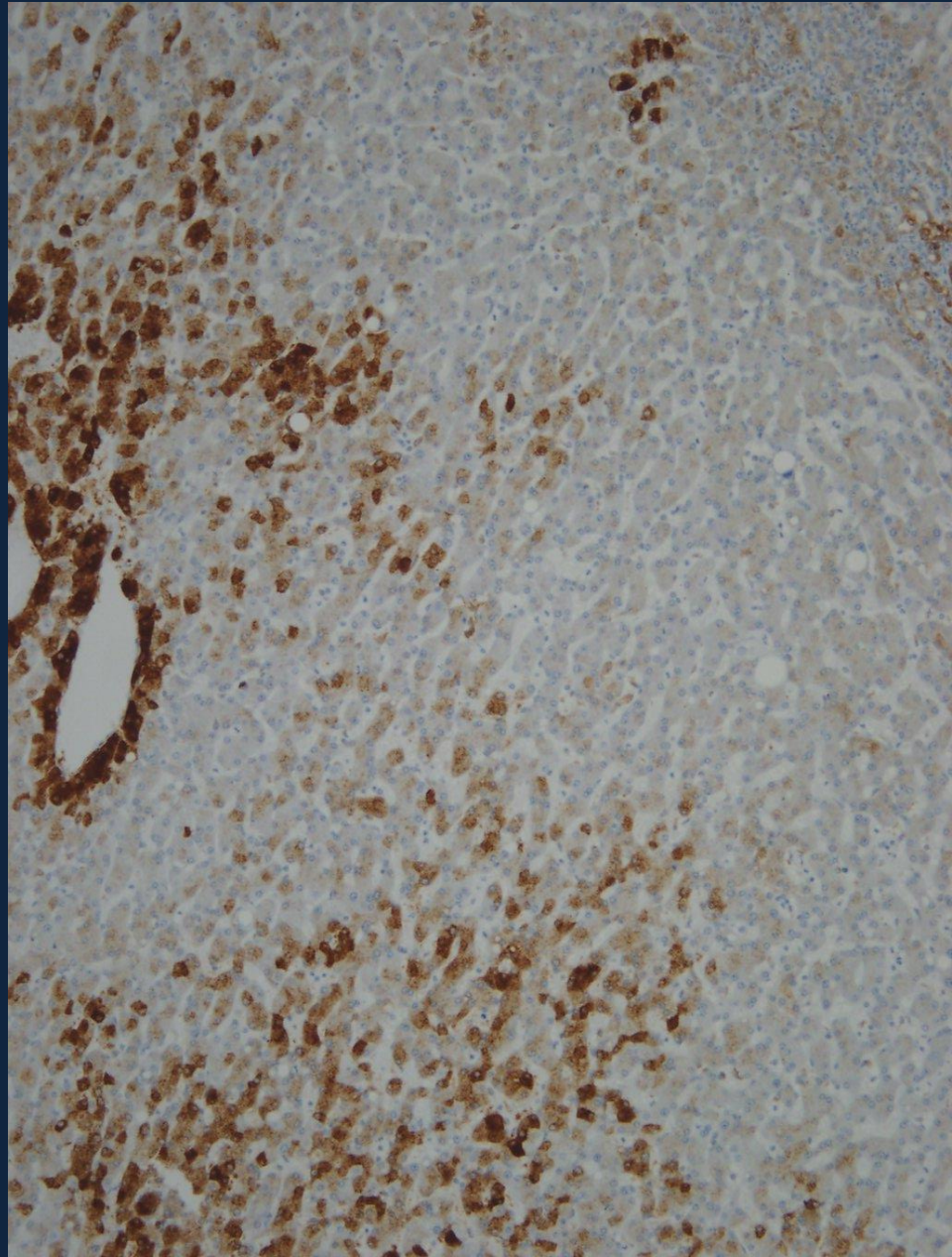
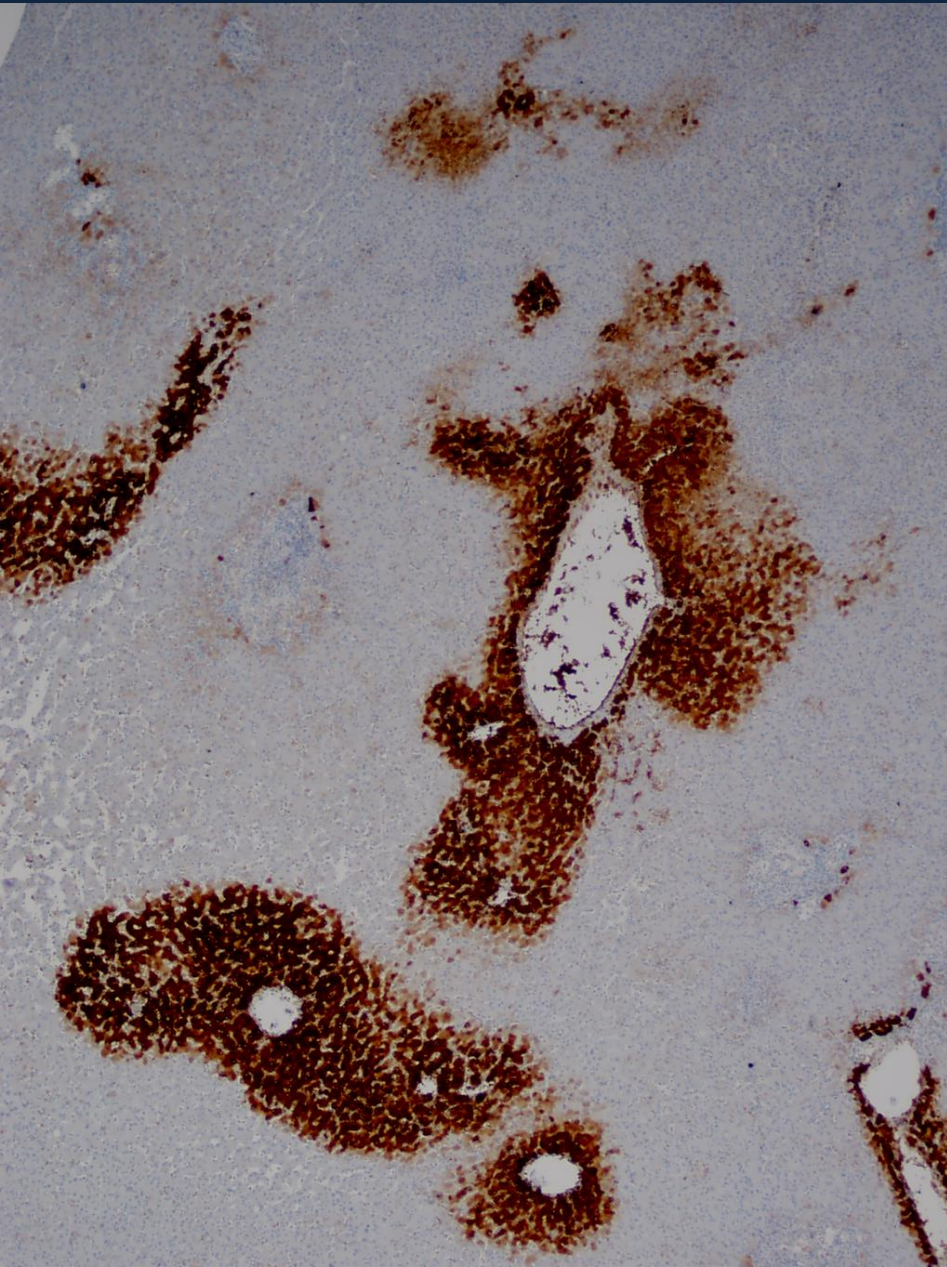
FNH or inflammatory HCA

Immunostain	Inflammatory HCA	FNH
Serum amyloid A (SAA)	Moderate to strong	Absent/focal
Glutamine synthetase (GS)	β-catenin activated: diffuse Others: Perivascular/patchy	Map-like

GS: map-like pattern, typical of FNH

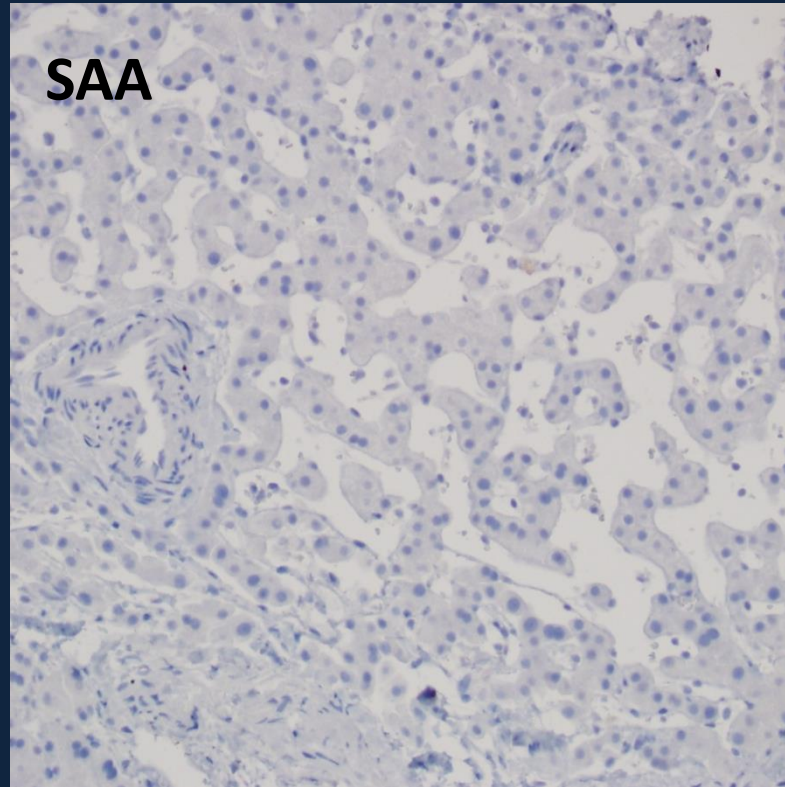


**GS: patchy staining ± perivascular staining
Most HCA (without β -catenin activation)**

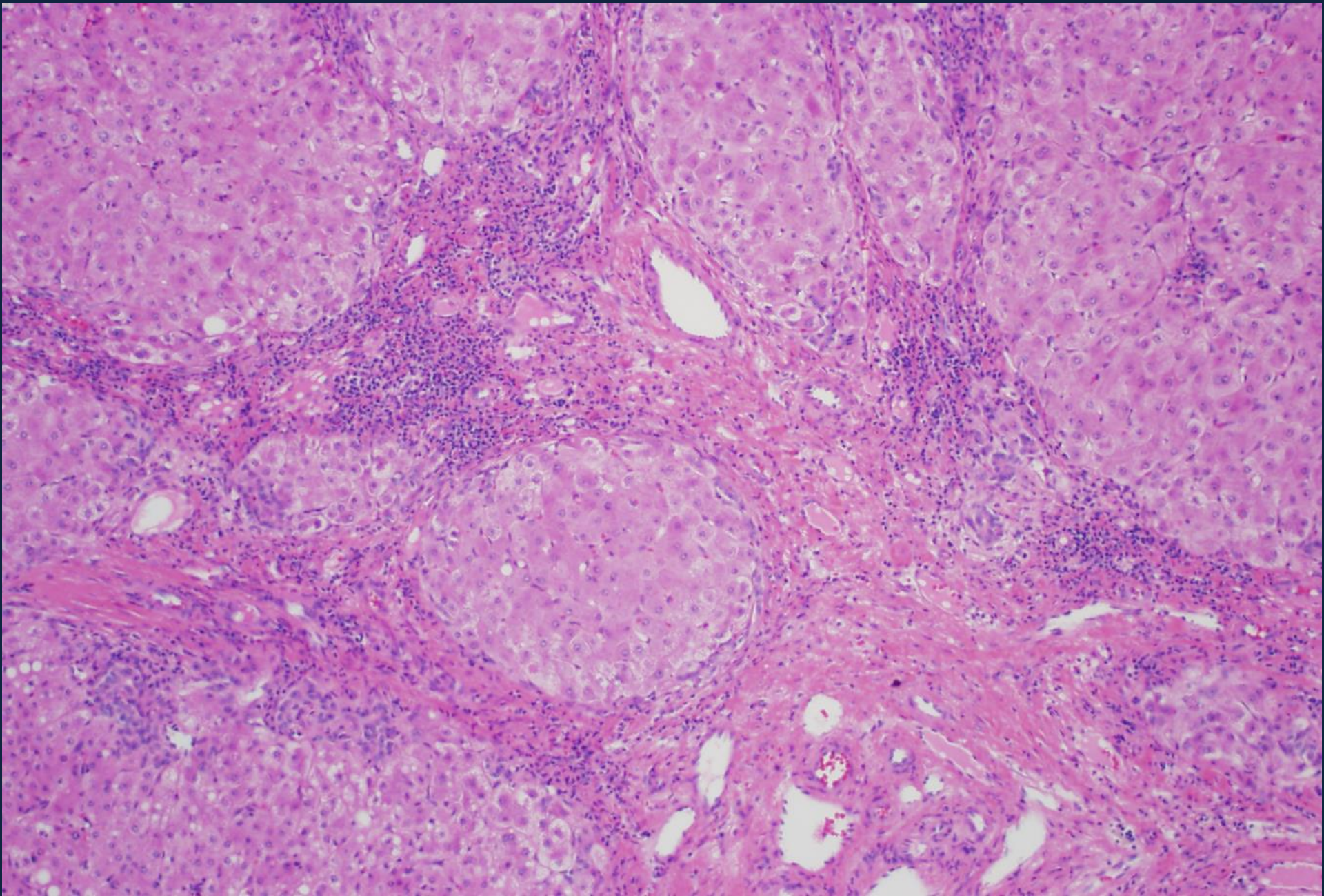


Case 1: FNH with telangiectasia

- Map-like GS pattern
- SAA negative

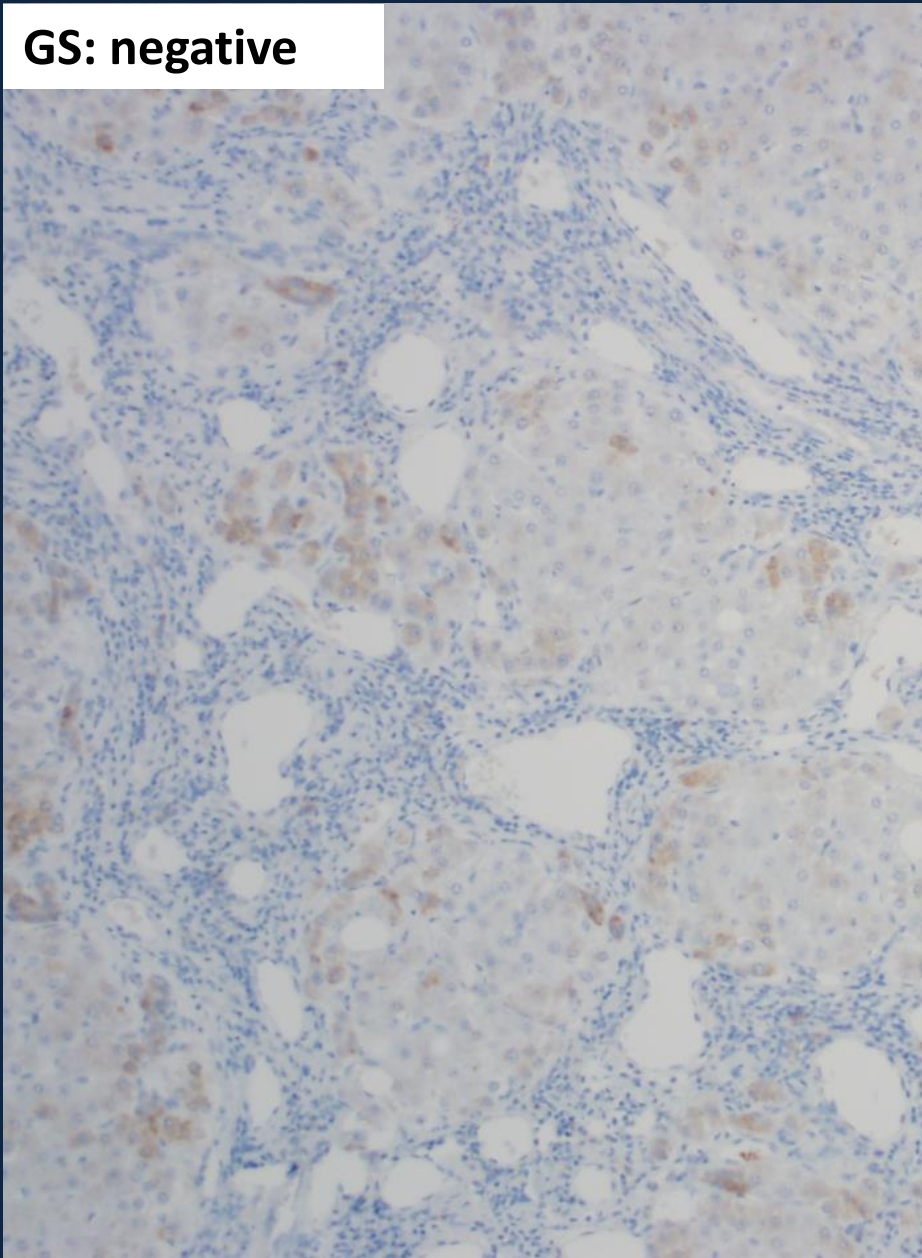


Case 2: 40/F, biopsy from a 4 cm liver mass

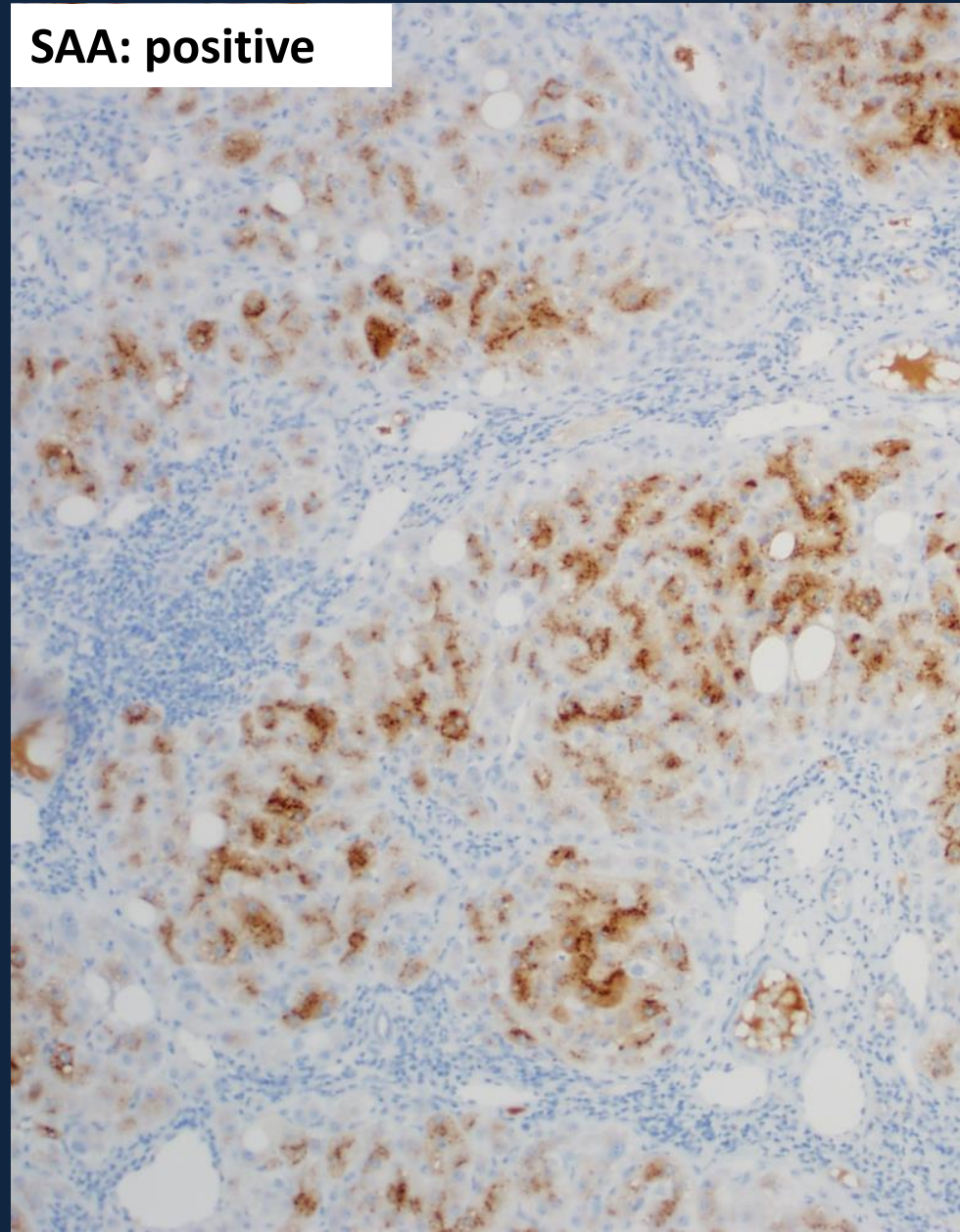


Inflammatory HCA

GS: negative

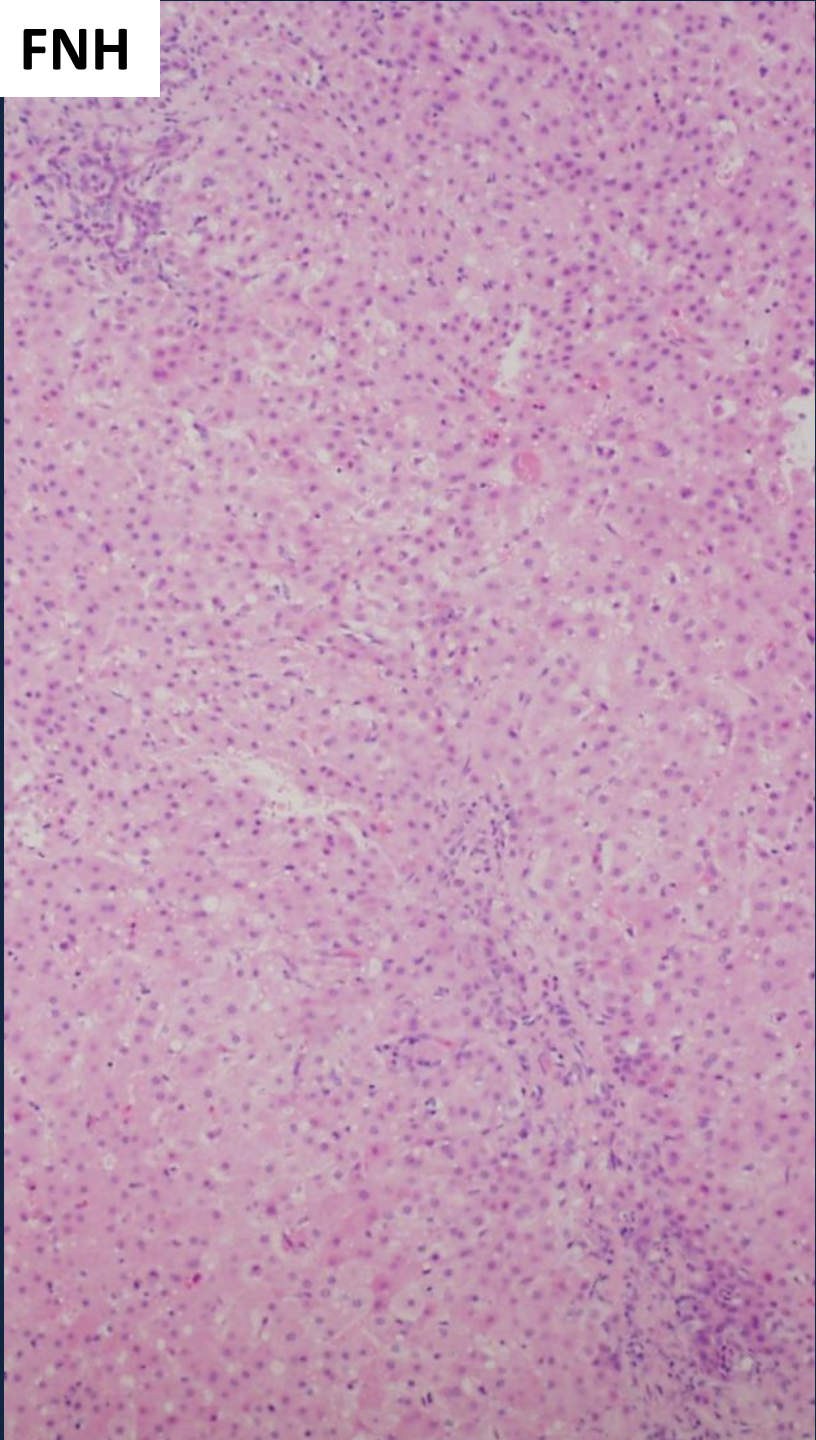


SAA: positive

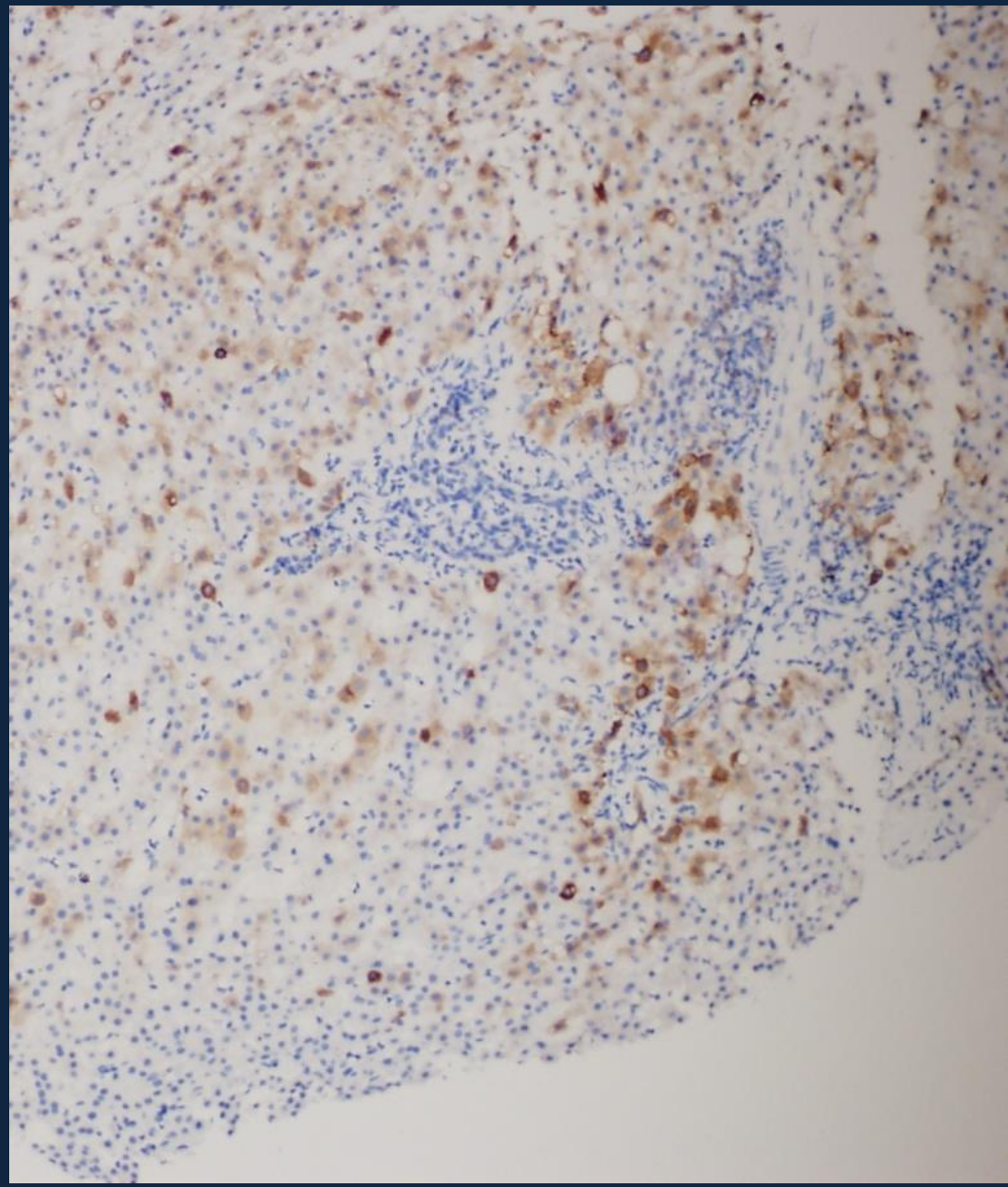


Two stain approach: FNH vs I-HCA

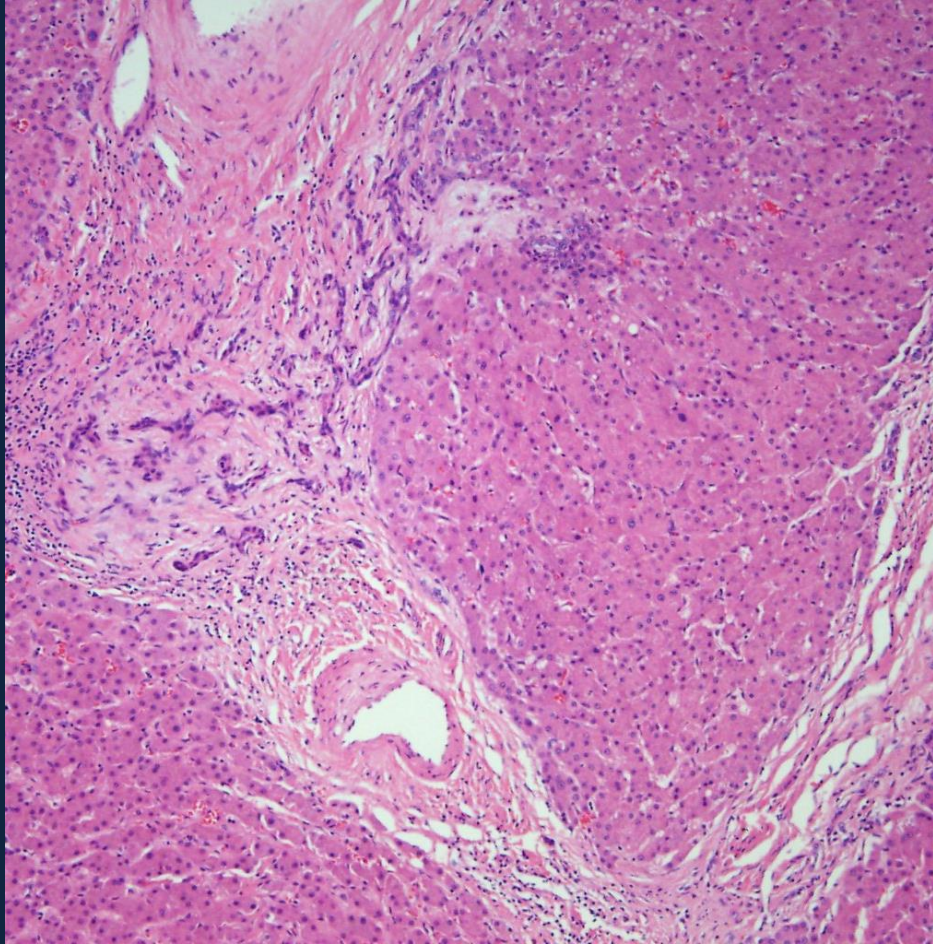
Stain	Interpretation
GS	Map-like: FNH <i>Irrespective of SAA/CRP</i>
SAA	Positive: I-HCA
CRP	<i>Diffuse positive: I-HCA</i>
Indeterminate: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Atypical staining patterns, limited biopsy• Further management: follow-up vs. repeat bx Morphologic suspicion, additional stains Imaging, clinical setting (size, patient age)	



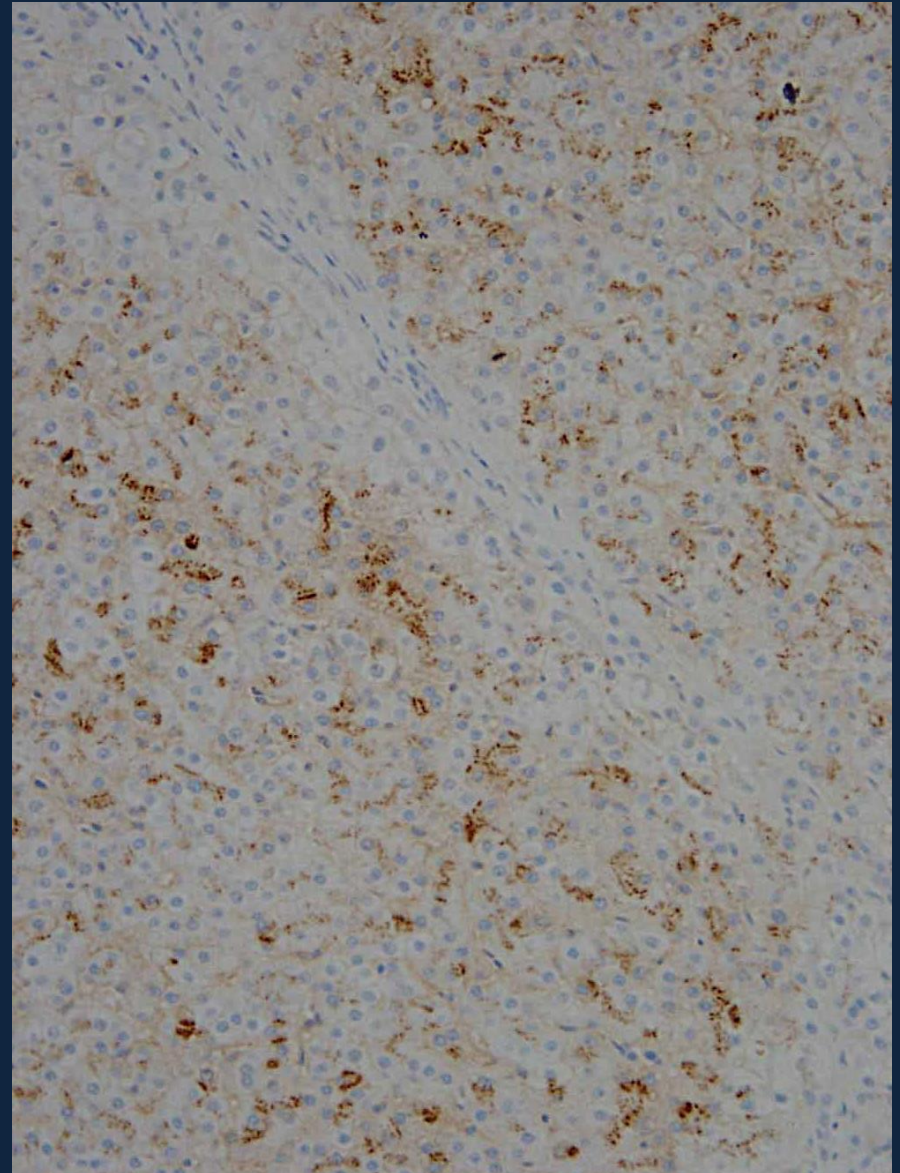
CRP: periseptal staining



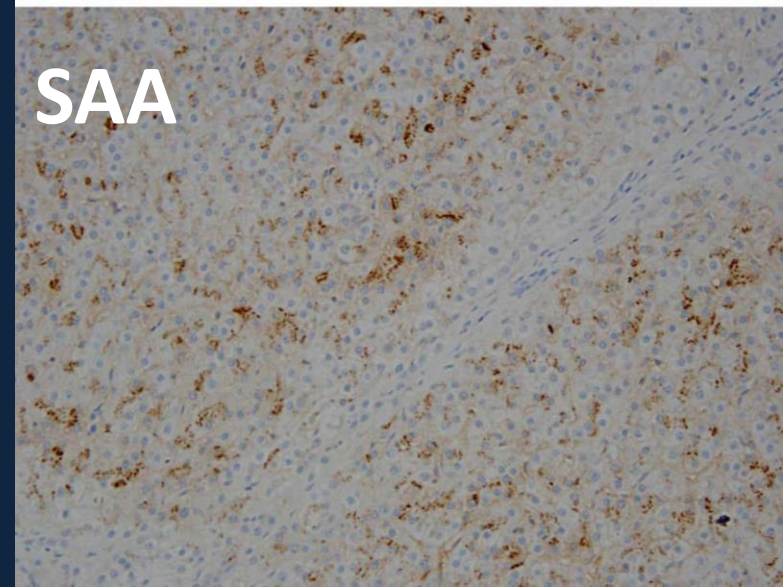
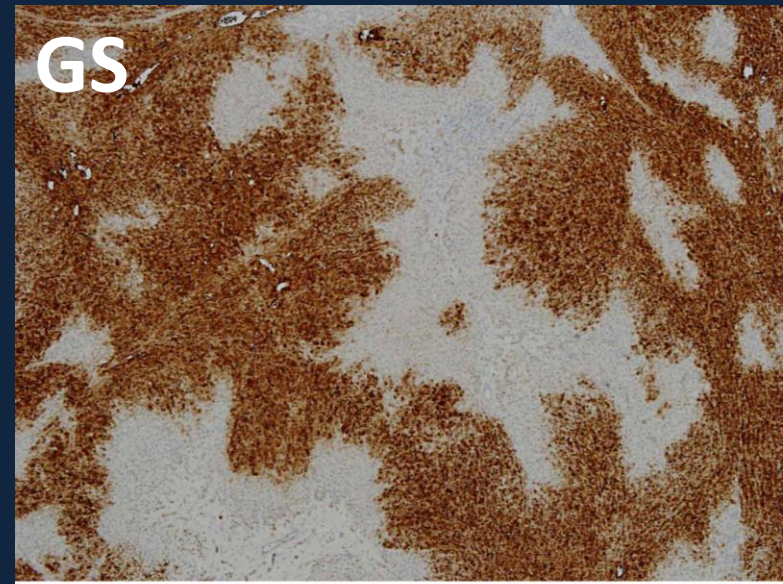
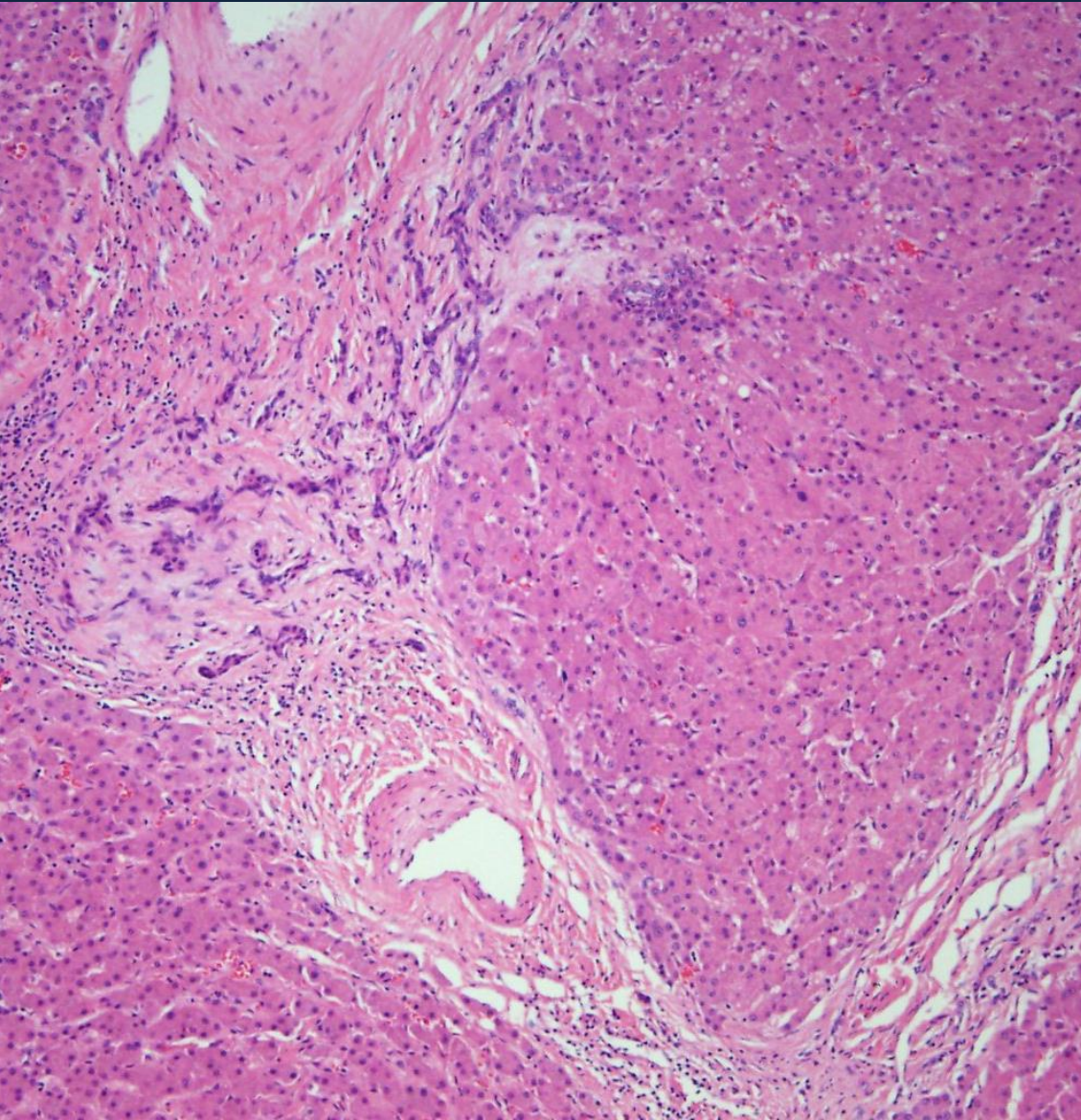
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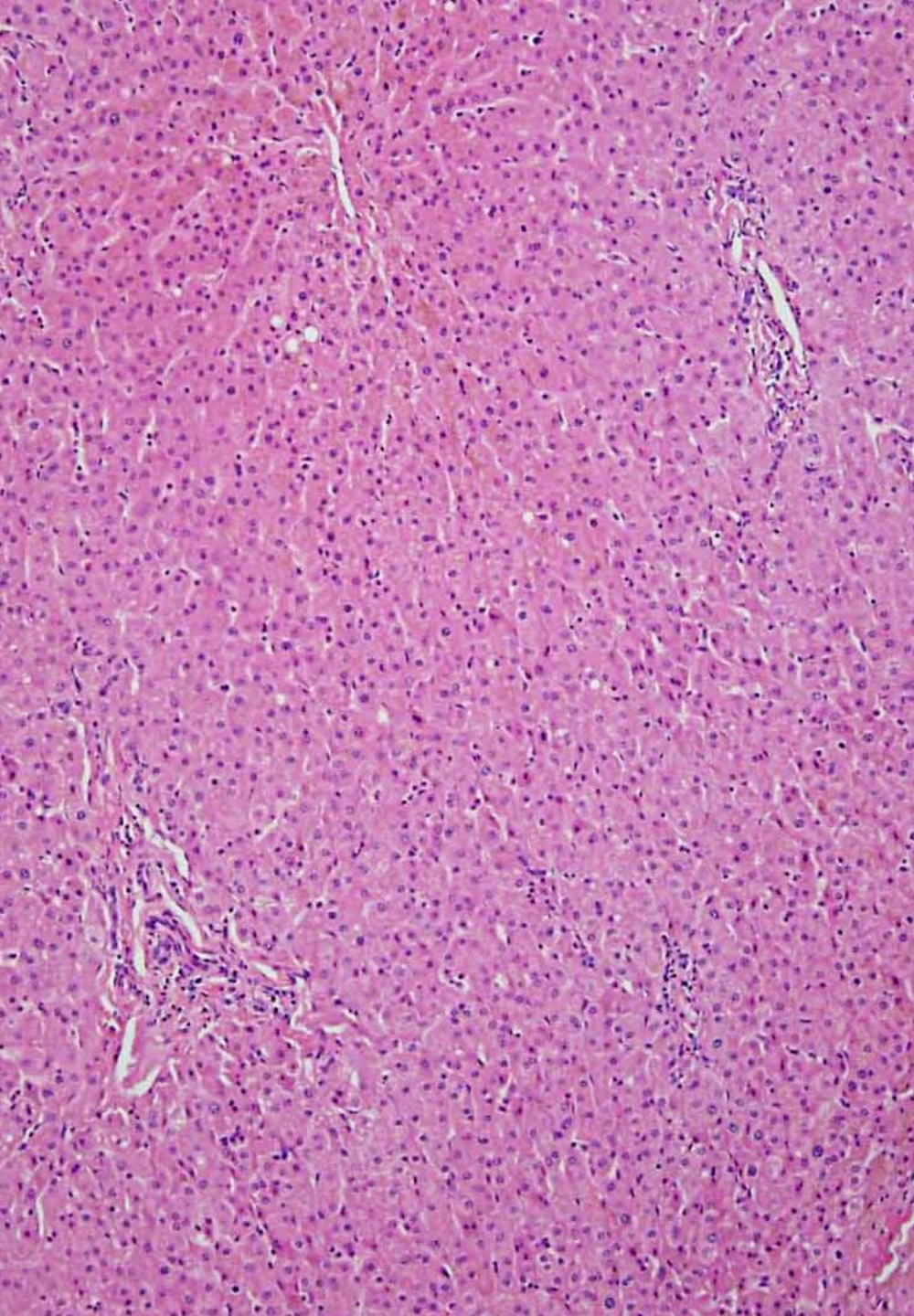
SAA+



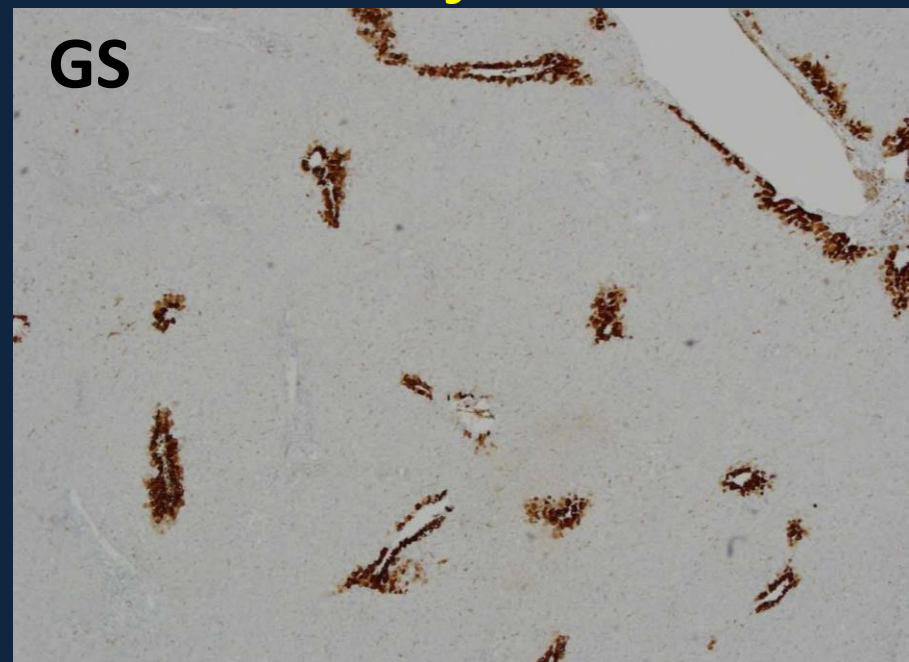
FNH with map-like GS and SAA+



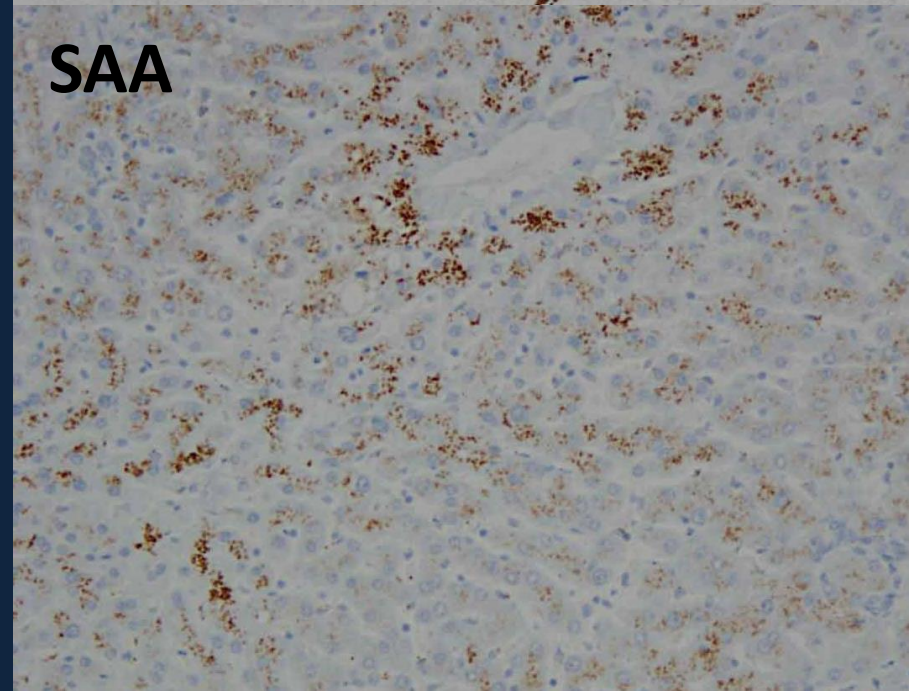
SAA+ in adjacent liver



GS



SAA

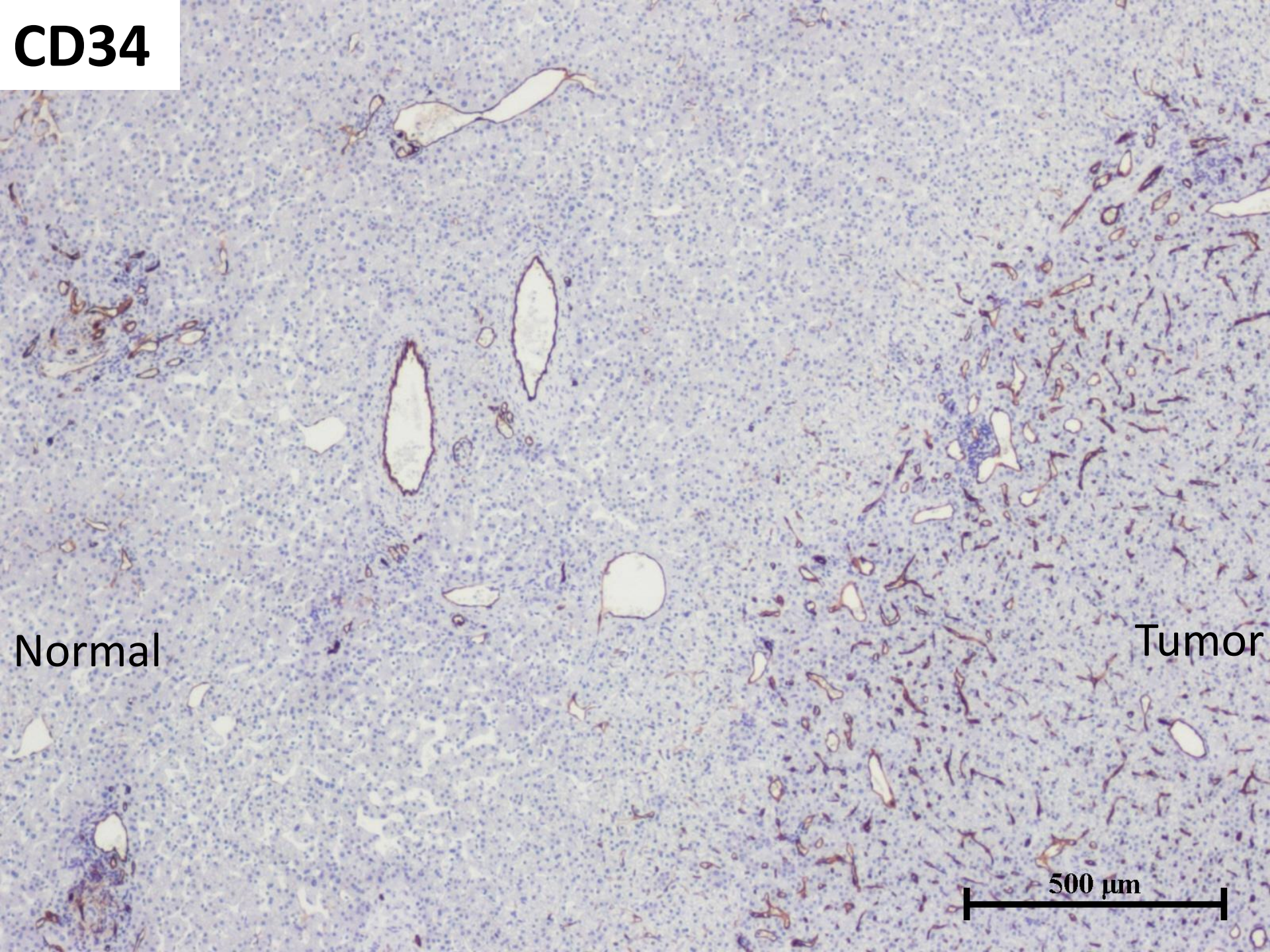


CD34

Normal

Tumor

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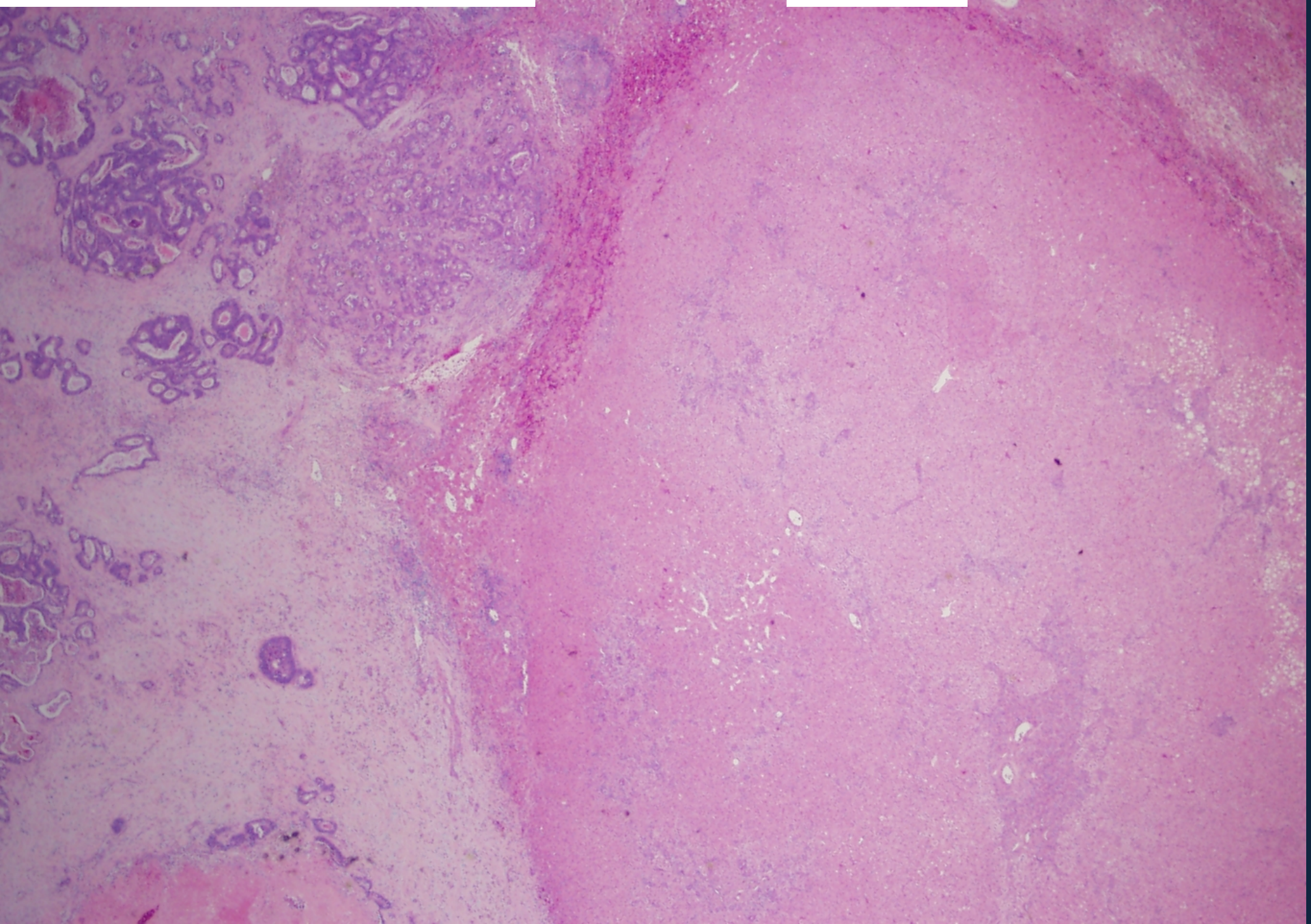


“FNH-like lesion”: two settings

- Lesions with lack of well-developed features**
- Morphology and GS staining similar to classic FNH**
 - Adjacent to tumors**
 - Cirrhosis**
 - Vascular tumors, Budd-Chiari syndrome**

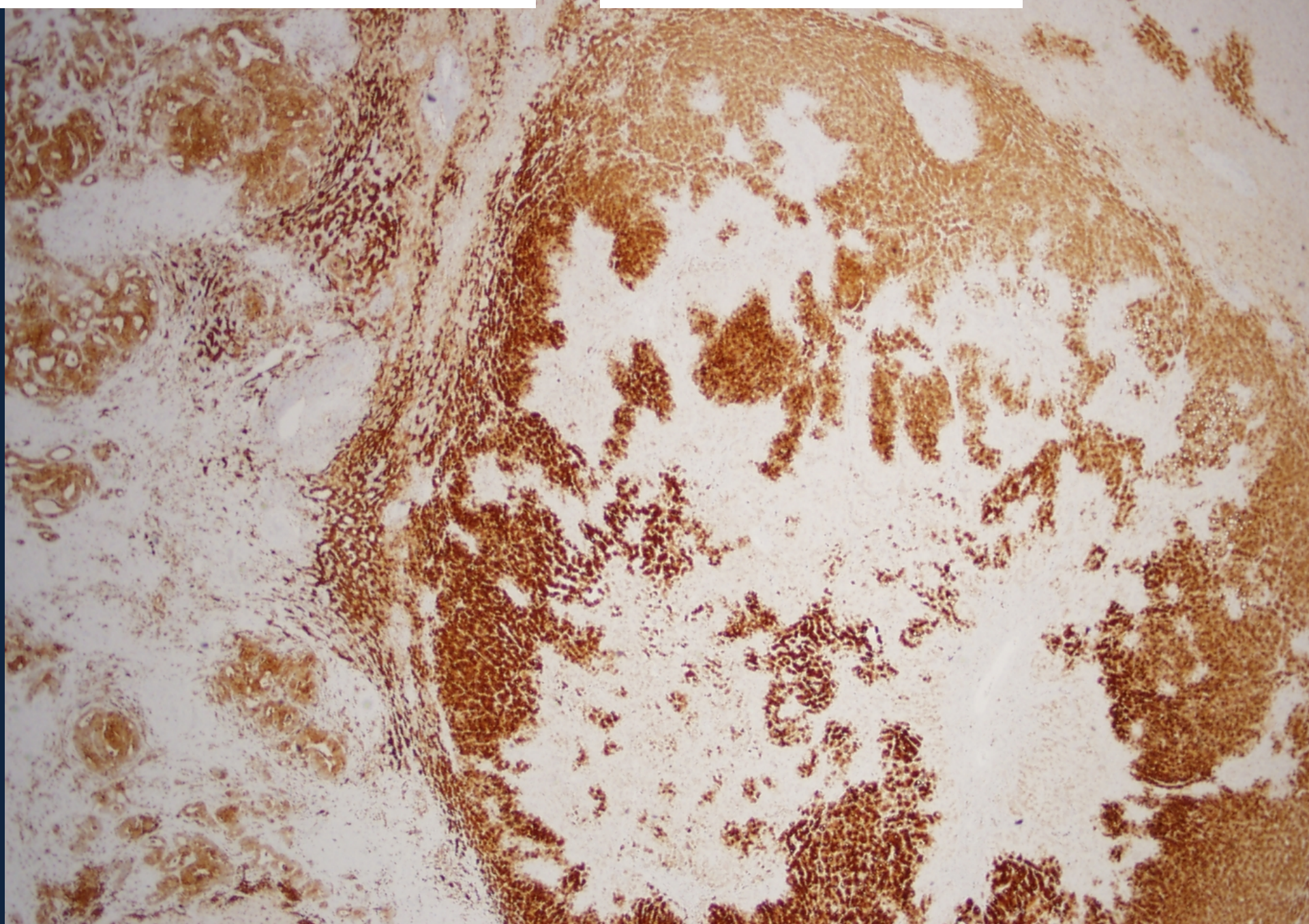
Metastatic adenocarcinoma

FNH-like



Metastatic adenocarcinoma

FNH-like: Map-like GS



Practical considerations: summary

Diagnostic Challenge	Approach
I-HCA and FNH: overlapping features	Essential stains: GS, SAA Others, if required
GS, SAA interpretation	Map-like GS: FNH SAA/CRP can be focally positive in FNH
SAA, CRP positive in adjacent liver	Focus on morphology Obtain CD34 stain
FNH-like	Adjacent to other masses Vascular tumors/malformations Vascular diseases (Budd-Chiari syndrome)

β -catenin-activated hepatocellular neoplasms

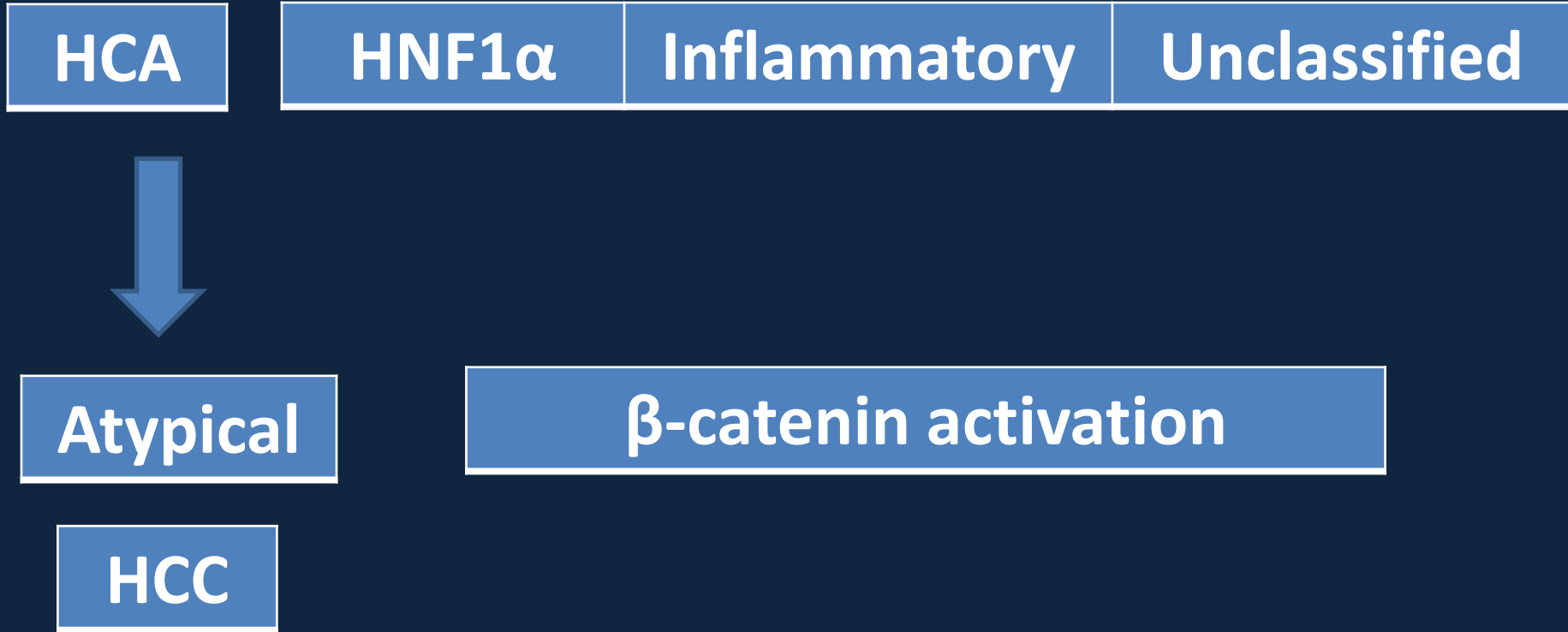
- **Association with HCC**
 - Frequent cytologic atypia**
 - Frequent loss of reticulin**
- **Cytogenetic changes like HCC**

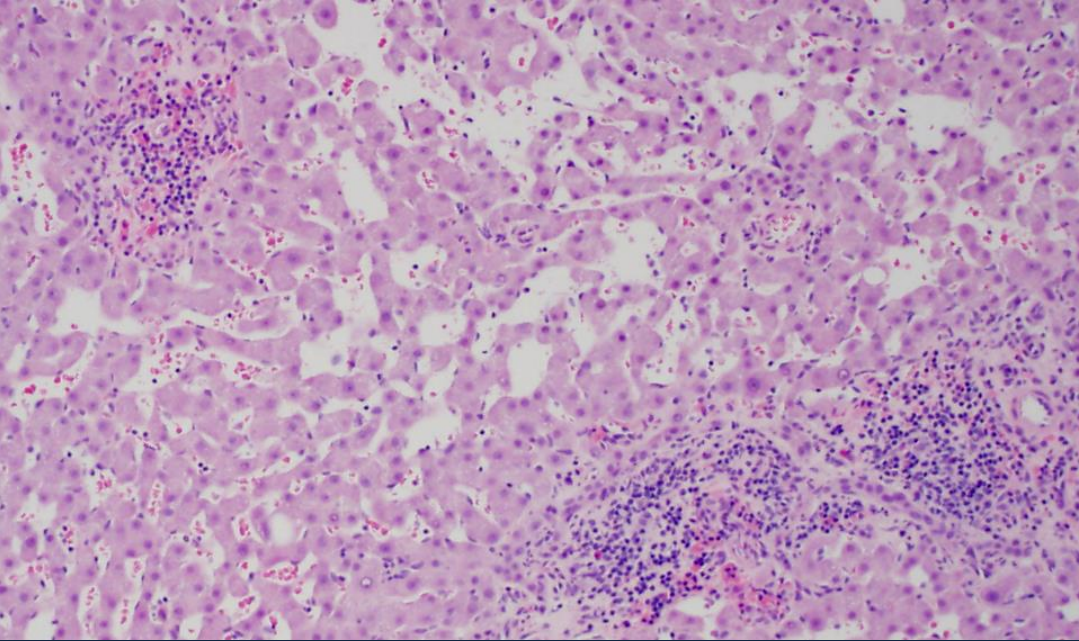
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Bioulac-Sage, Hepatol 2007

Evason/Kakar, Hum Pathol 2013

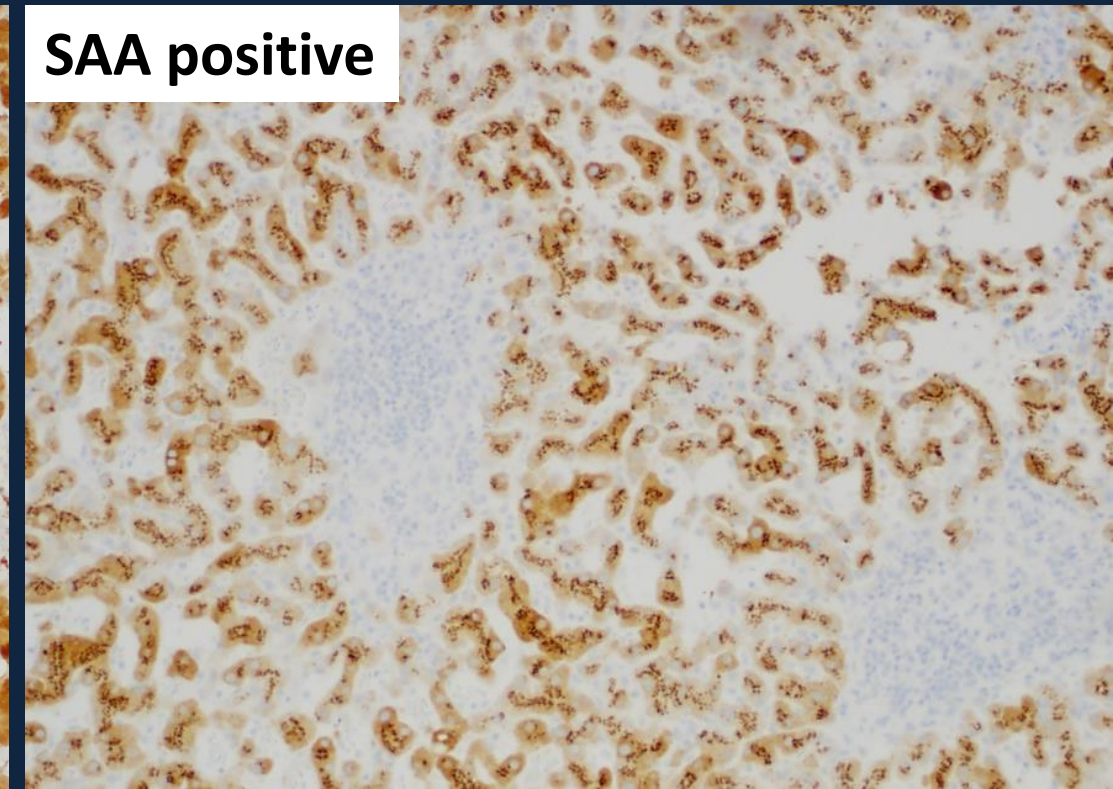
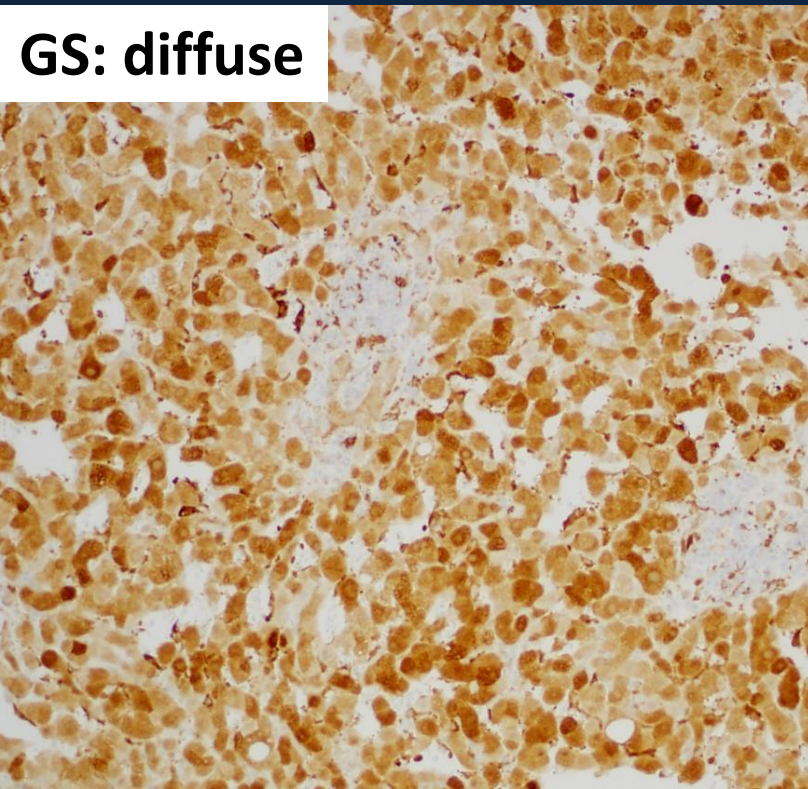
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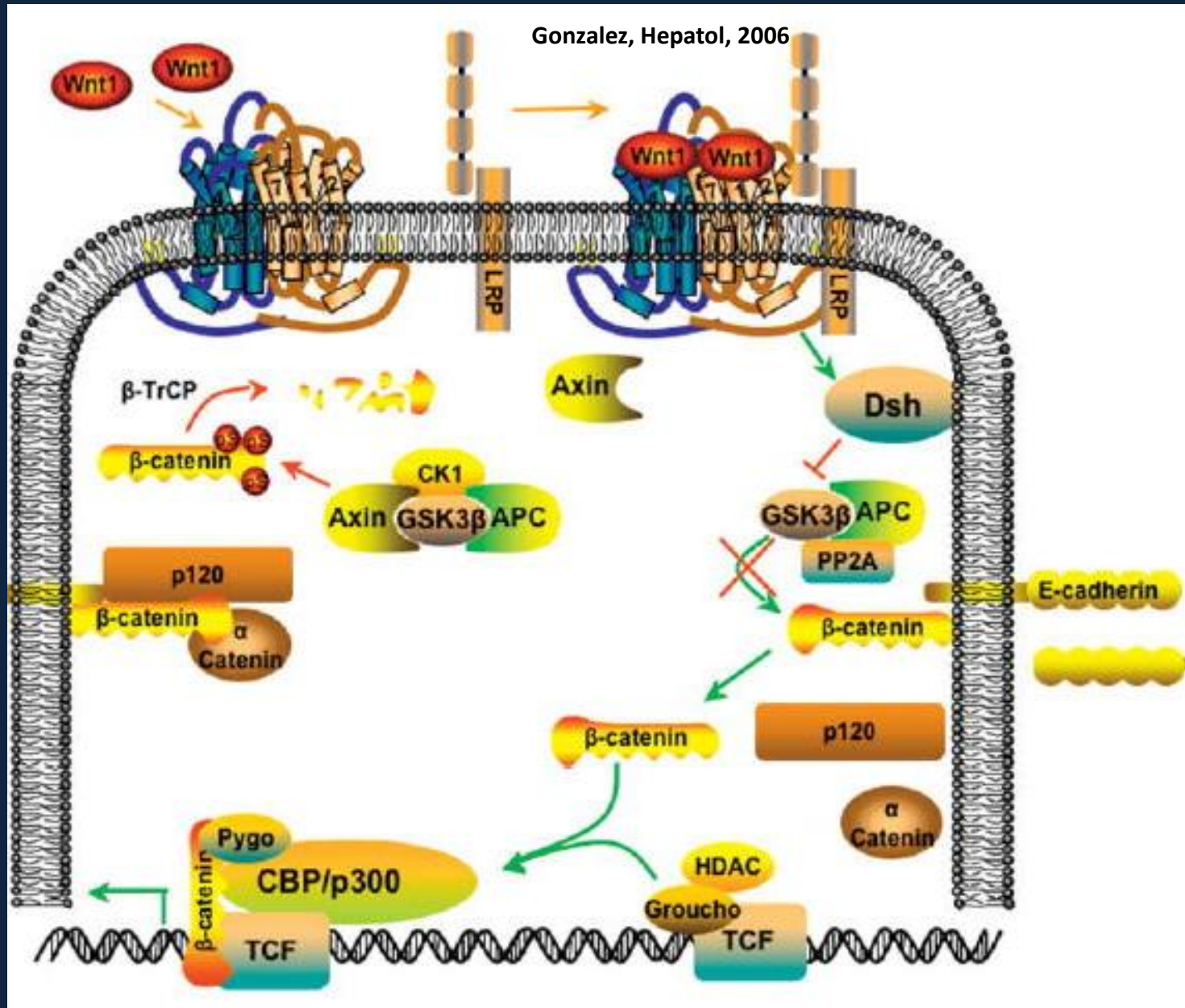


Inflammatory HCA with β -catenin activation

- 10% of cases
- High risk feature

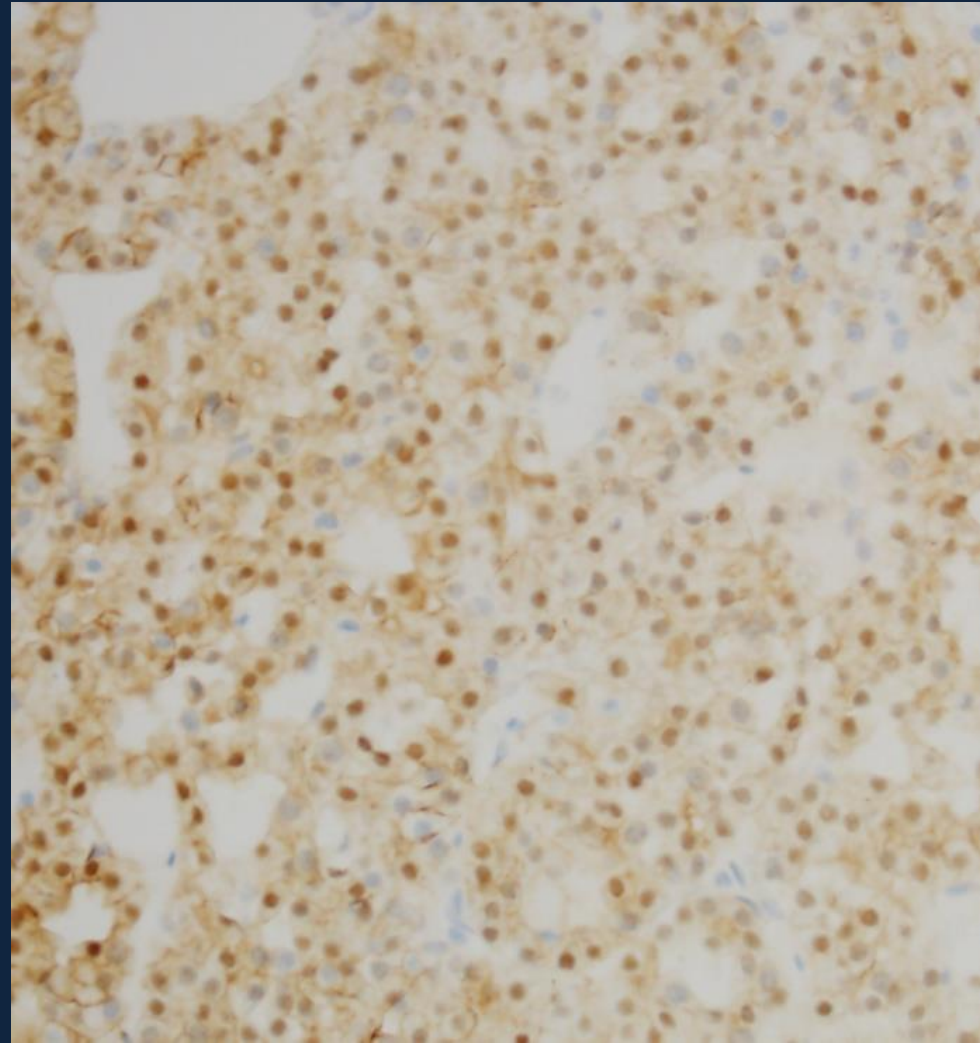
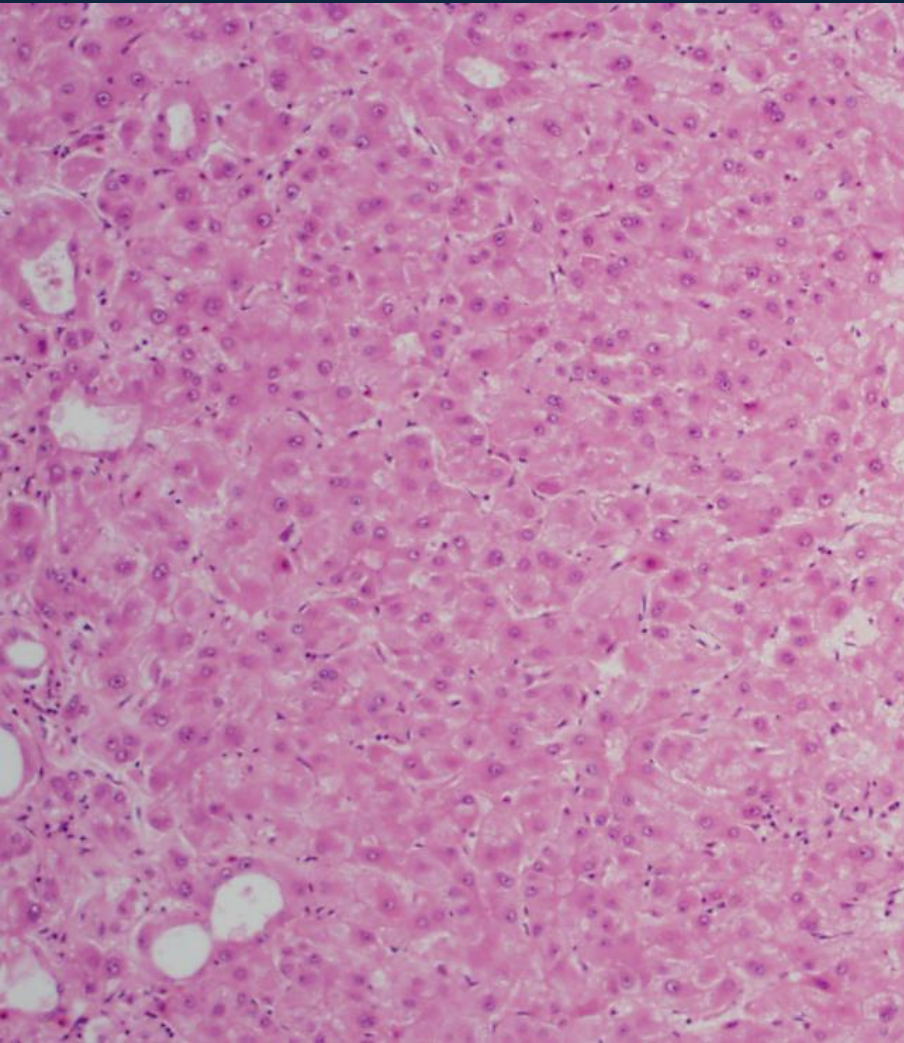


Wnt signaling pathway



Hepatocellular neoplasm with exon 3 β -catenin mutation

-Nuclear translocation of β -catenin



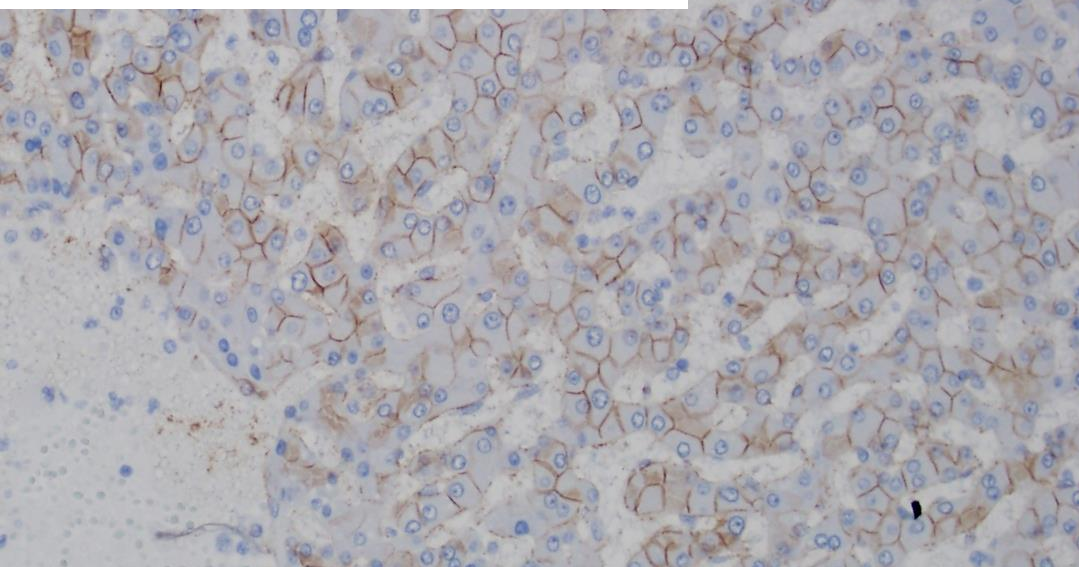
β -catenin activation

- **β -catenin mutation present**
 - 70% HCC: nuclear β -catenin**
 - 20% adenomas/atypical: nuclear β -catenin**
- **Diffuse GS staining**
 - Better correlates with β -catenin activation**

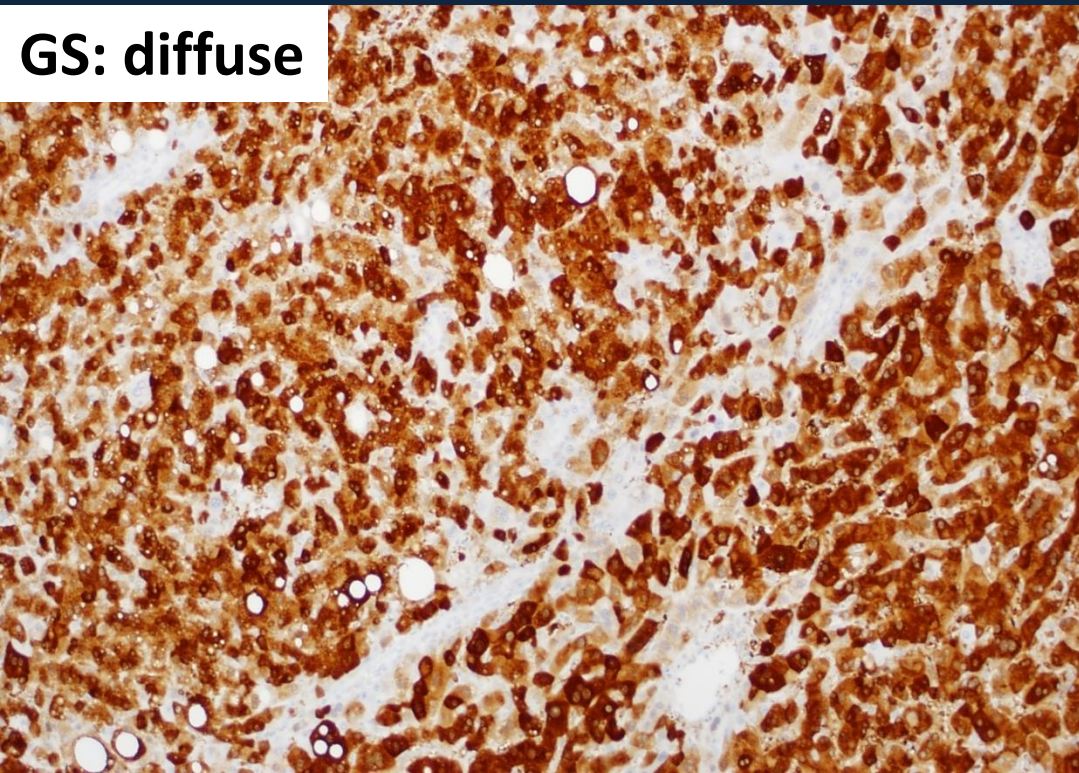
Hale/Kakar, Mod Pathol 2016

Bioulac-Sage, Hepatol 2007

β -catenin: membranous



GS: diffuse



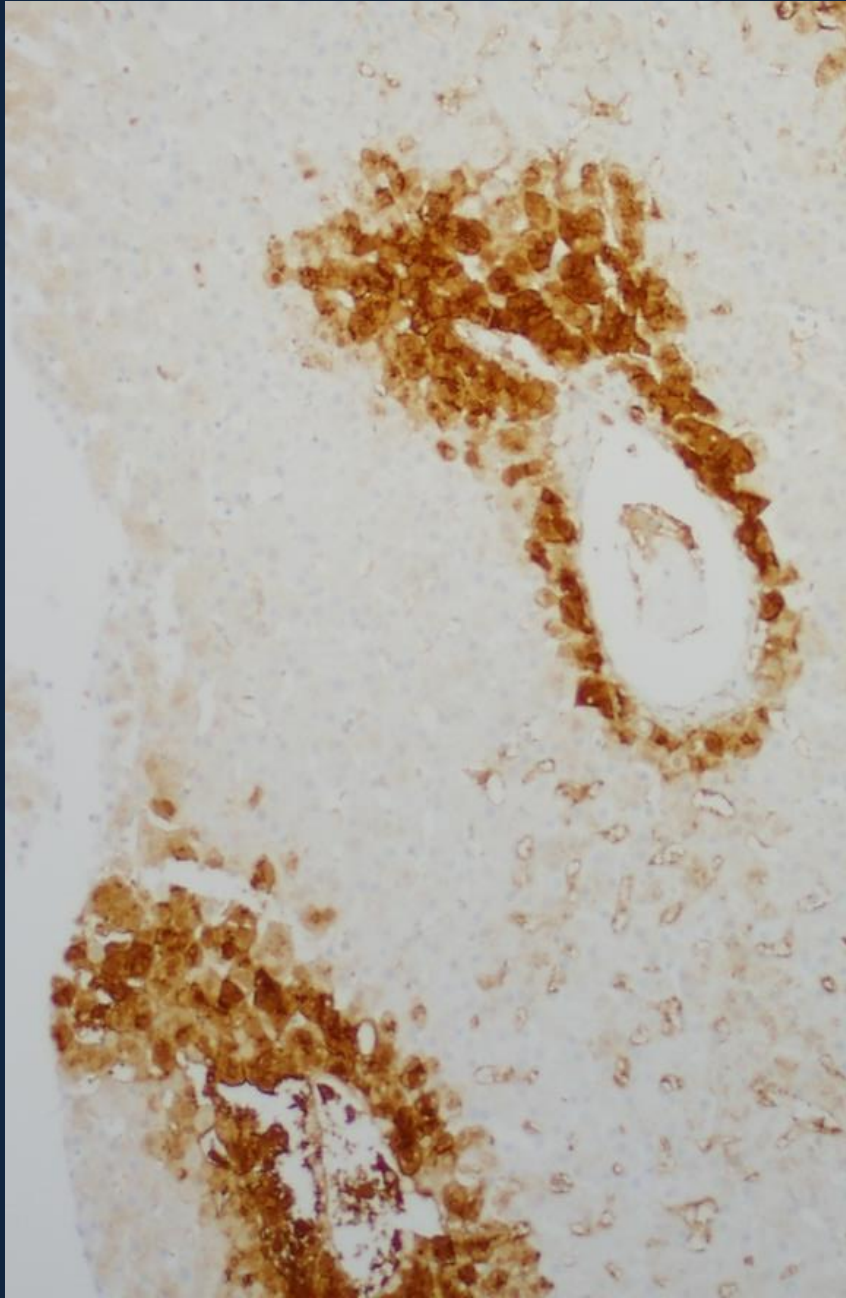
β -catenin mutated

- No nuclear β -catenin
- Diffuse GS

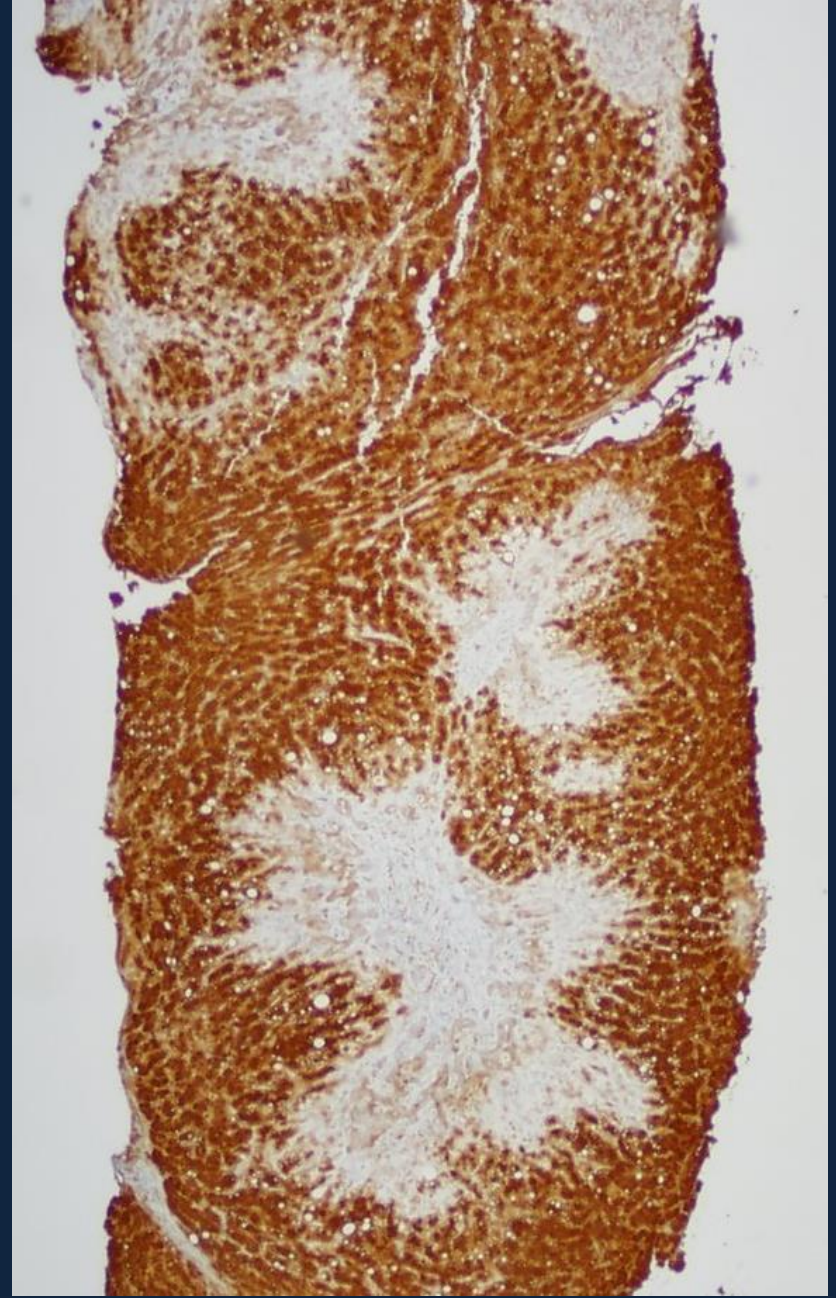
Interpretation of GS staining

- Spectrum of histologic patterns
- Definition and pitfalls in interpretation of diffuse GS

GS: normal

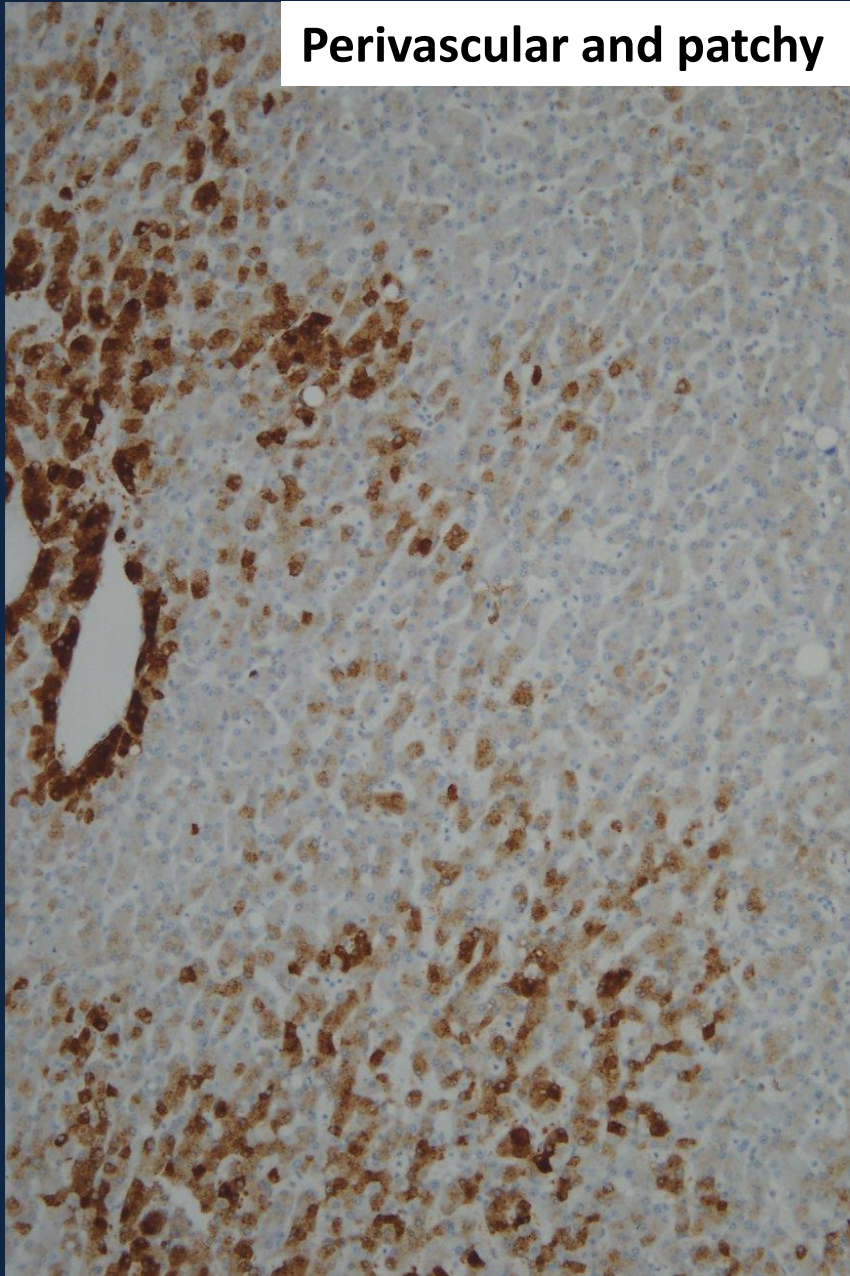


GS: map-like in FNH

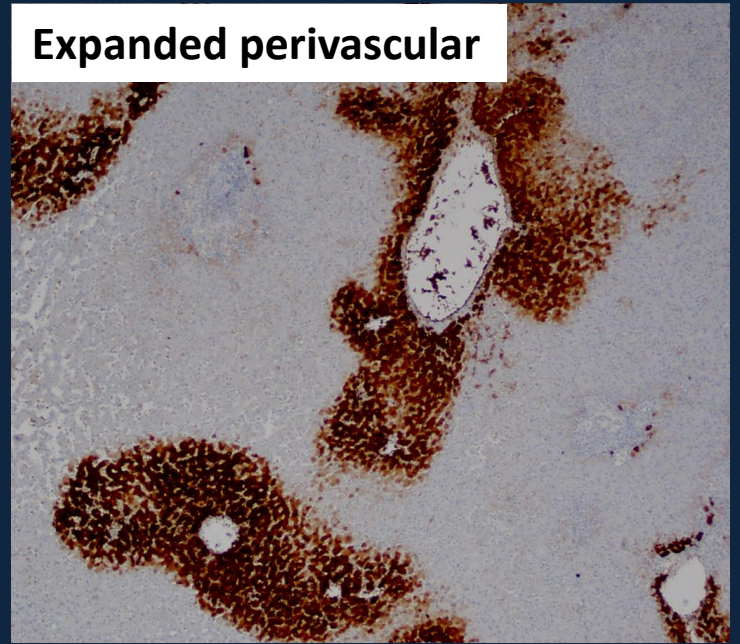


GS patterns in adenoma

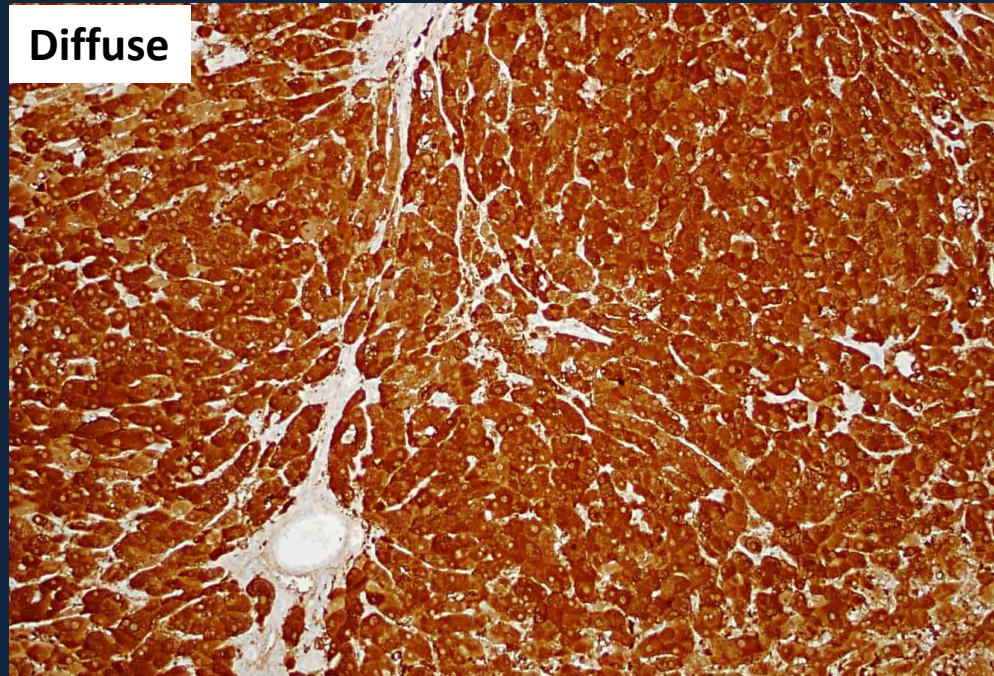
Perivascular and patchy



Expanded perivascular



Diffuse



Hepatocellular Adenoma Subtype Classification Using Molecular Markers and Immunohistochemistry

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Definition of 'diffuse' GS staining:

“Positive cytoplasmic overexpression, homogeneous or heterogeneous, but on >50% of tumor”

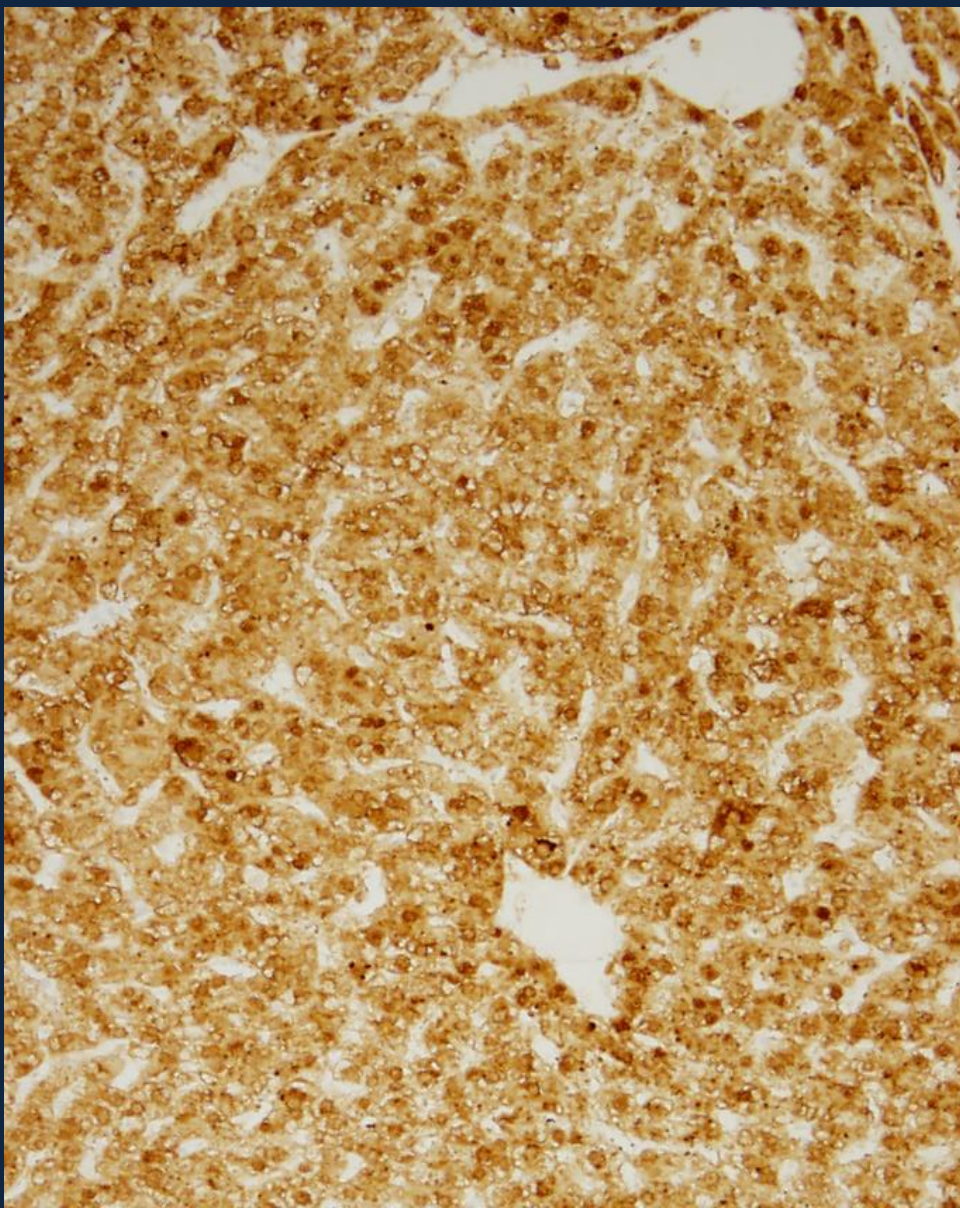
Patchy: Less than 50%

Zucman-Rossi, Oncol, 2007

Bioulac-Sage, Hepatology, 2007

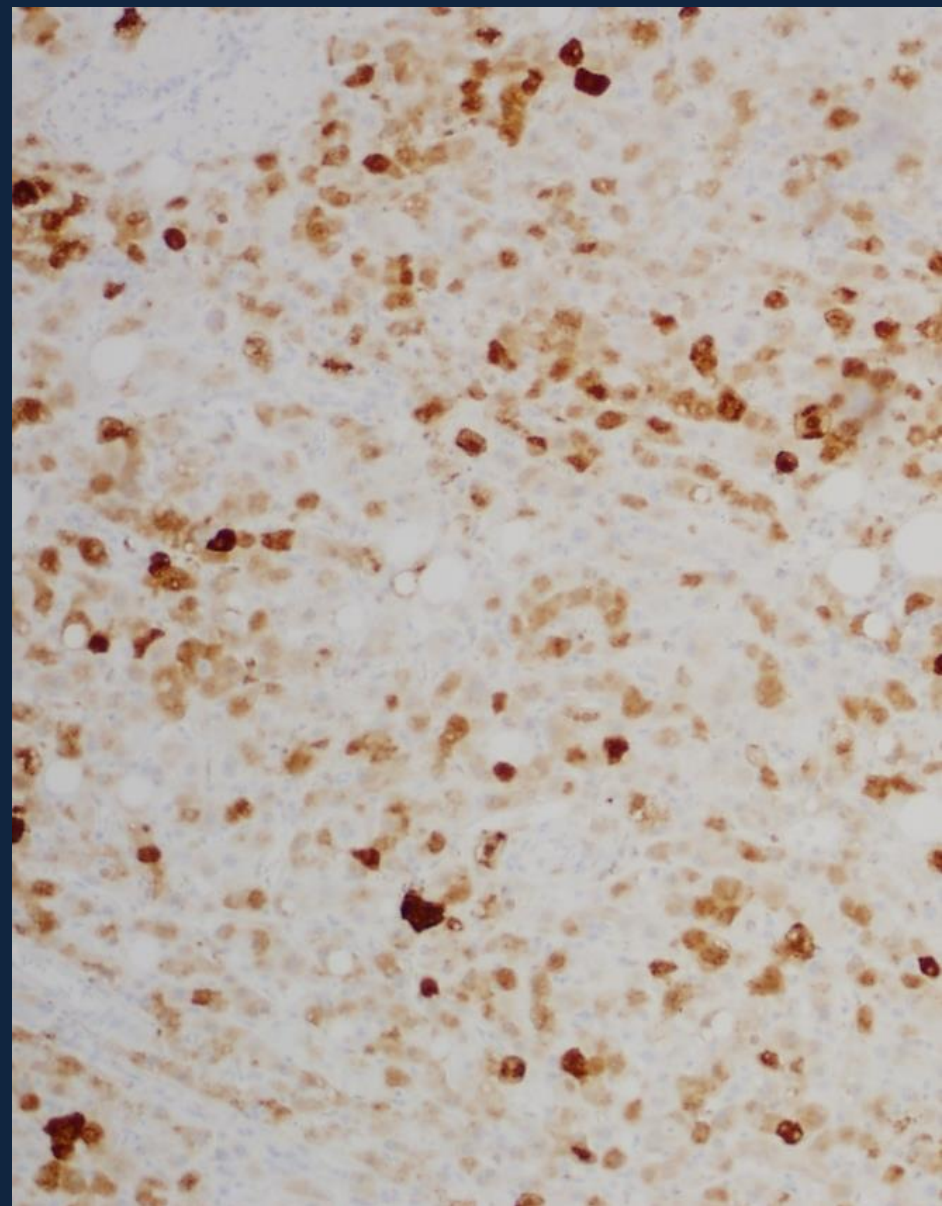
Diffuse homogeneous

GS ~100%

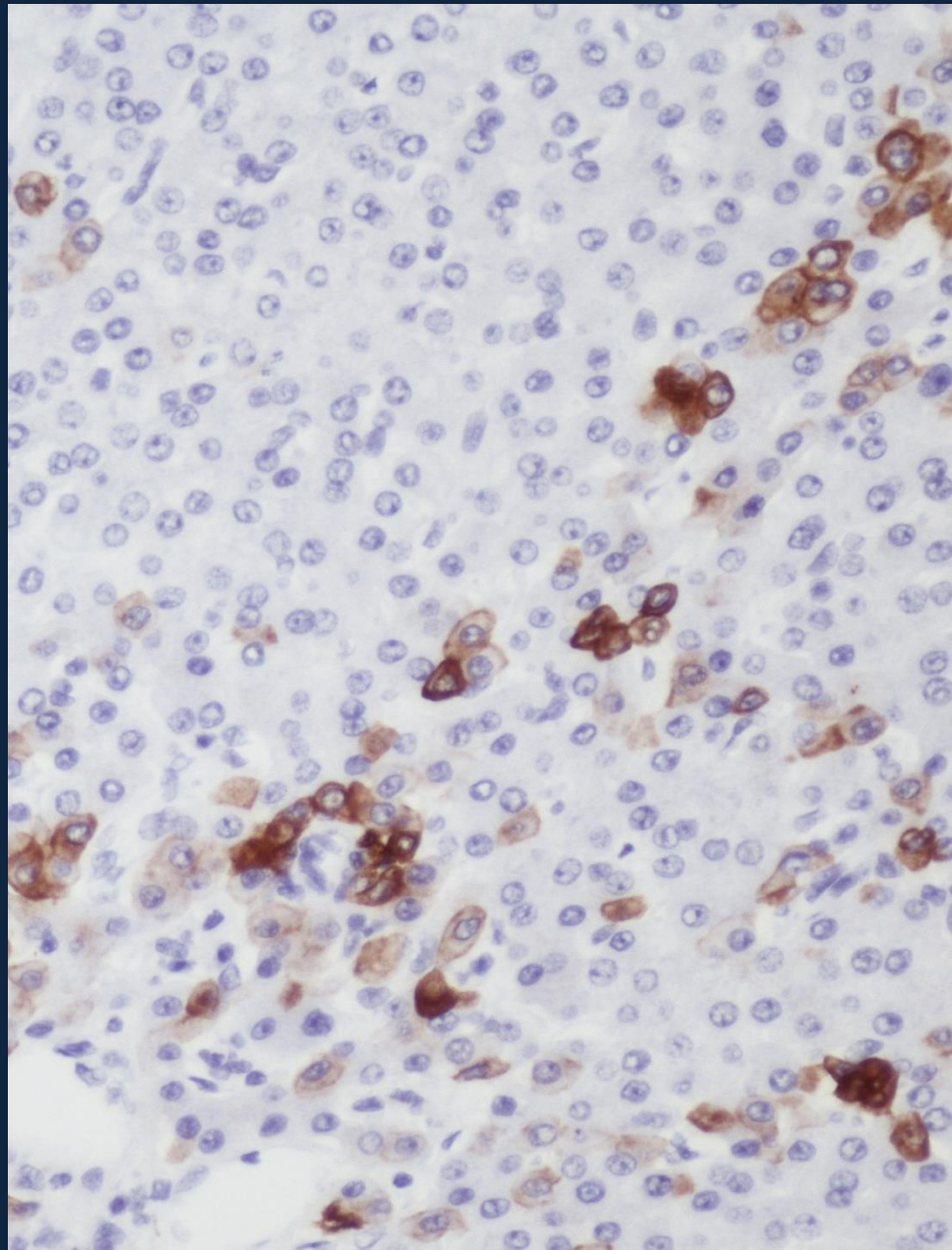
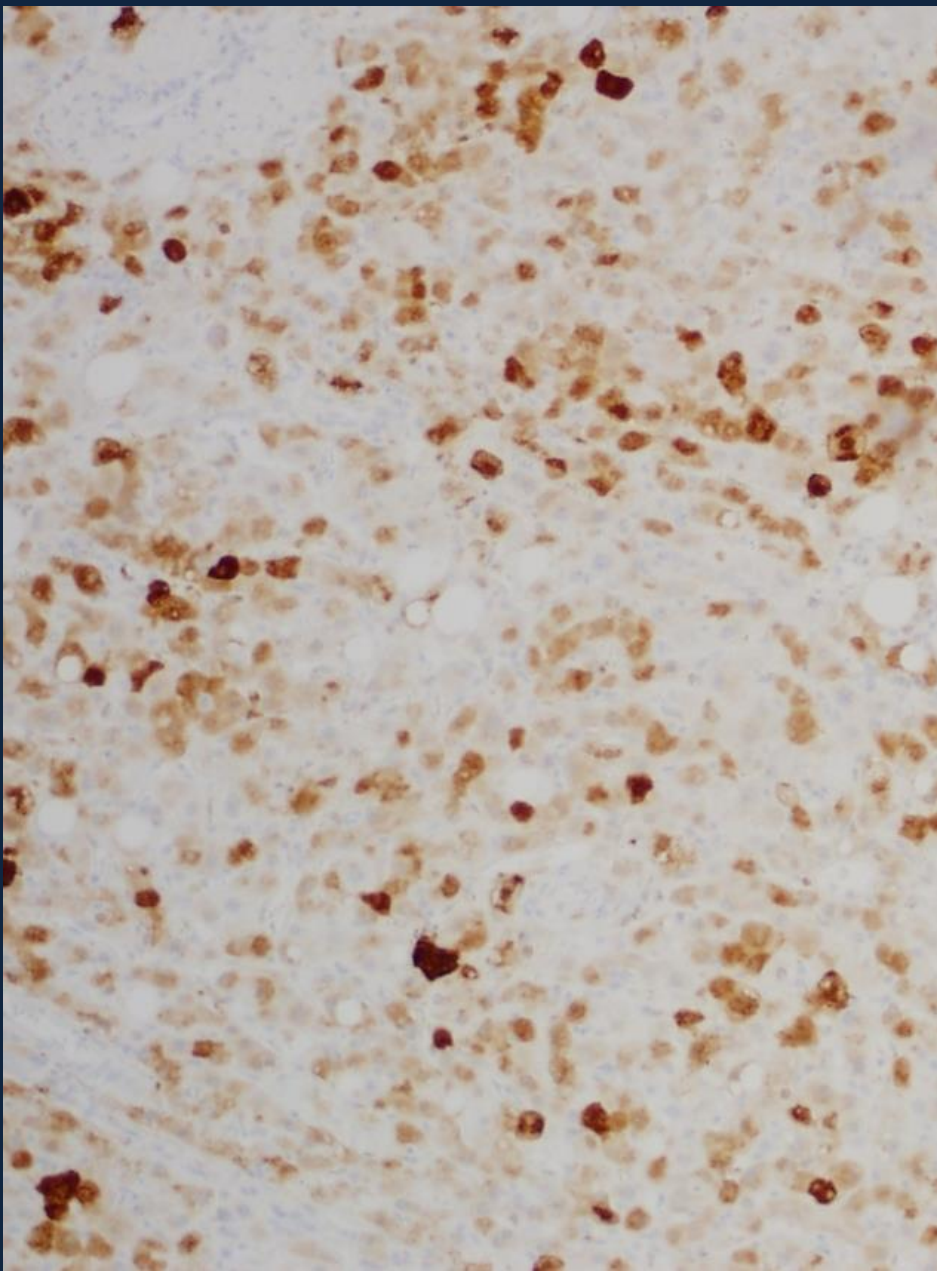


Diffuse heterogeneous

GS \geq 50%

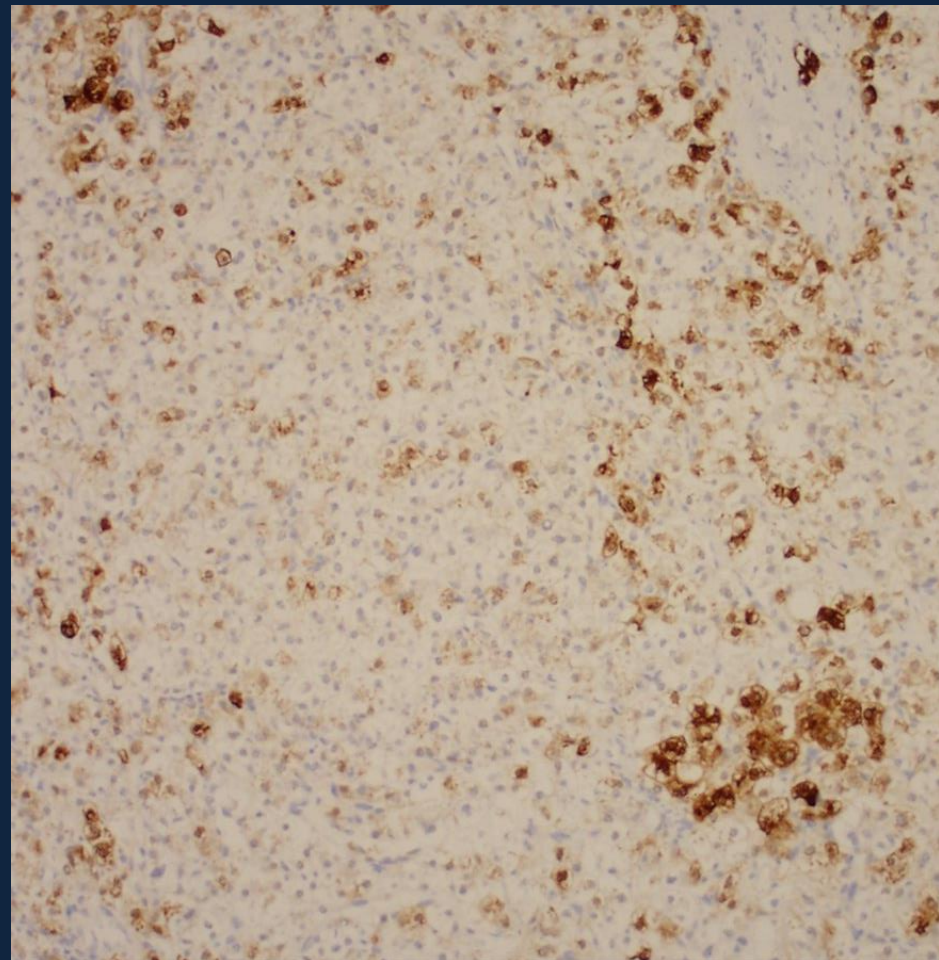
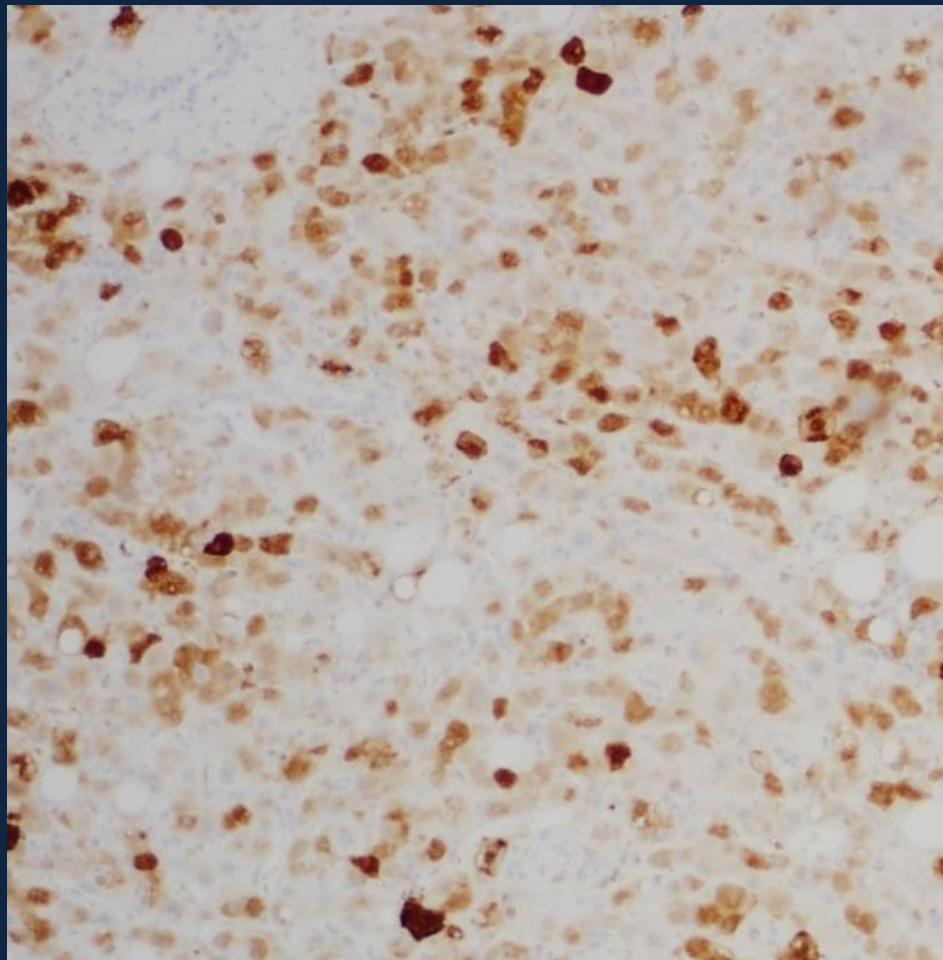


GS: diffuse heterogeneous ($\geq 50\%$) vs. patchy staining ($< 50\%$)



Diffuse GS \geq 50%

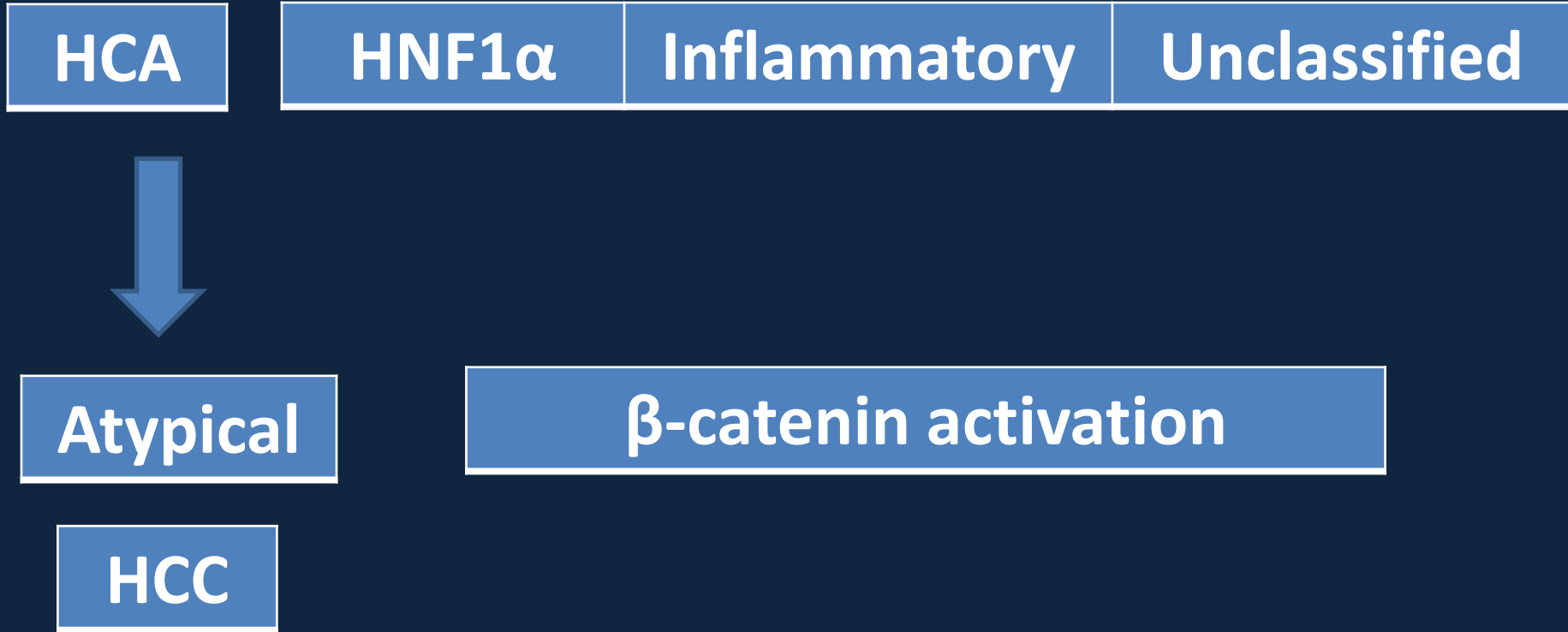
<50% or \geq 50%



GS staining patterns

Staining pattern	Interpretation
Diffuse homogeneous	Moderate to strong cytoplasmic staining >90% of lesional cells Likely β -catenin activation
Diffuse heterogeneous	Moderate to strong cytoplasmic staining in 50-90% of lesional cells Lower association with β -catenin activation
Patchy (not diffuse)	β -catenin activation very unlikely
Indeterminate	Indefinite for β -catenin activation

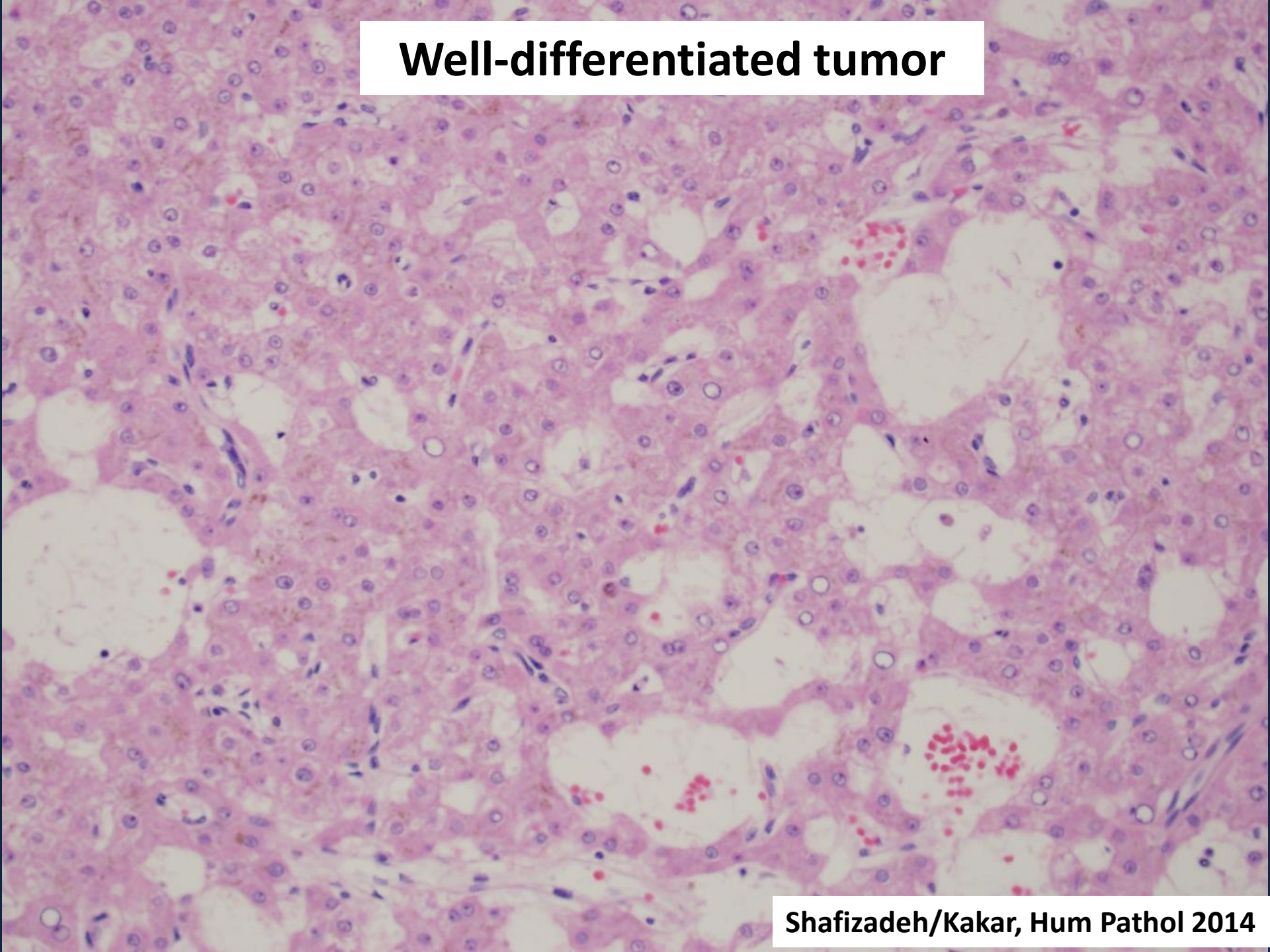
β -catenin-activated hepatocellular neoplasms



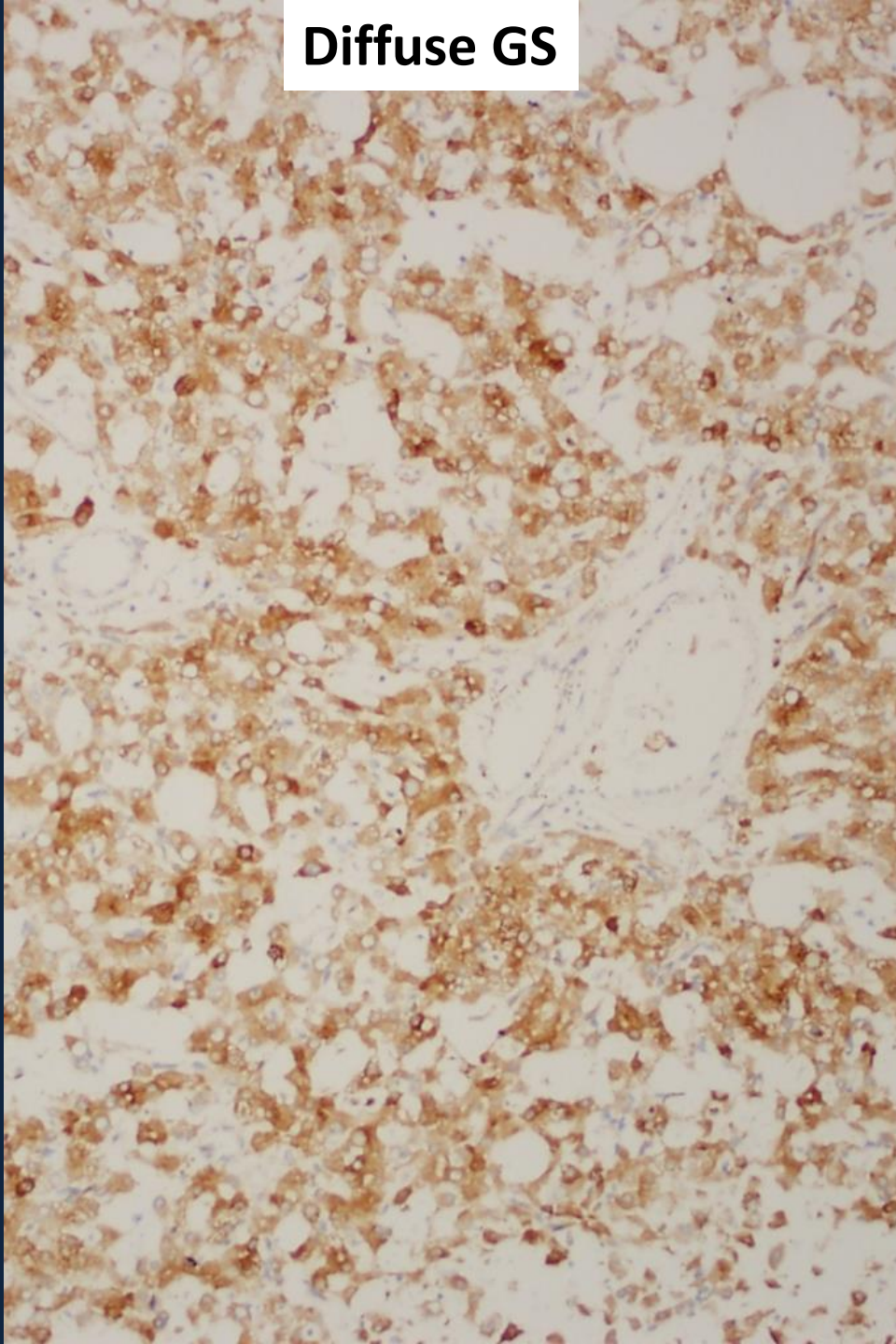
Atypical features

Clinical	Male gender (any age) Age (>50 years) Glycogen storage diseases, androgen use
Morphologic	Focal cytologic atypia Focal reticulin loss Nuclear β-catenin, diffuse GS

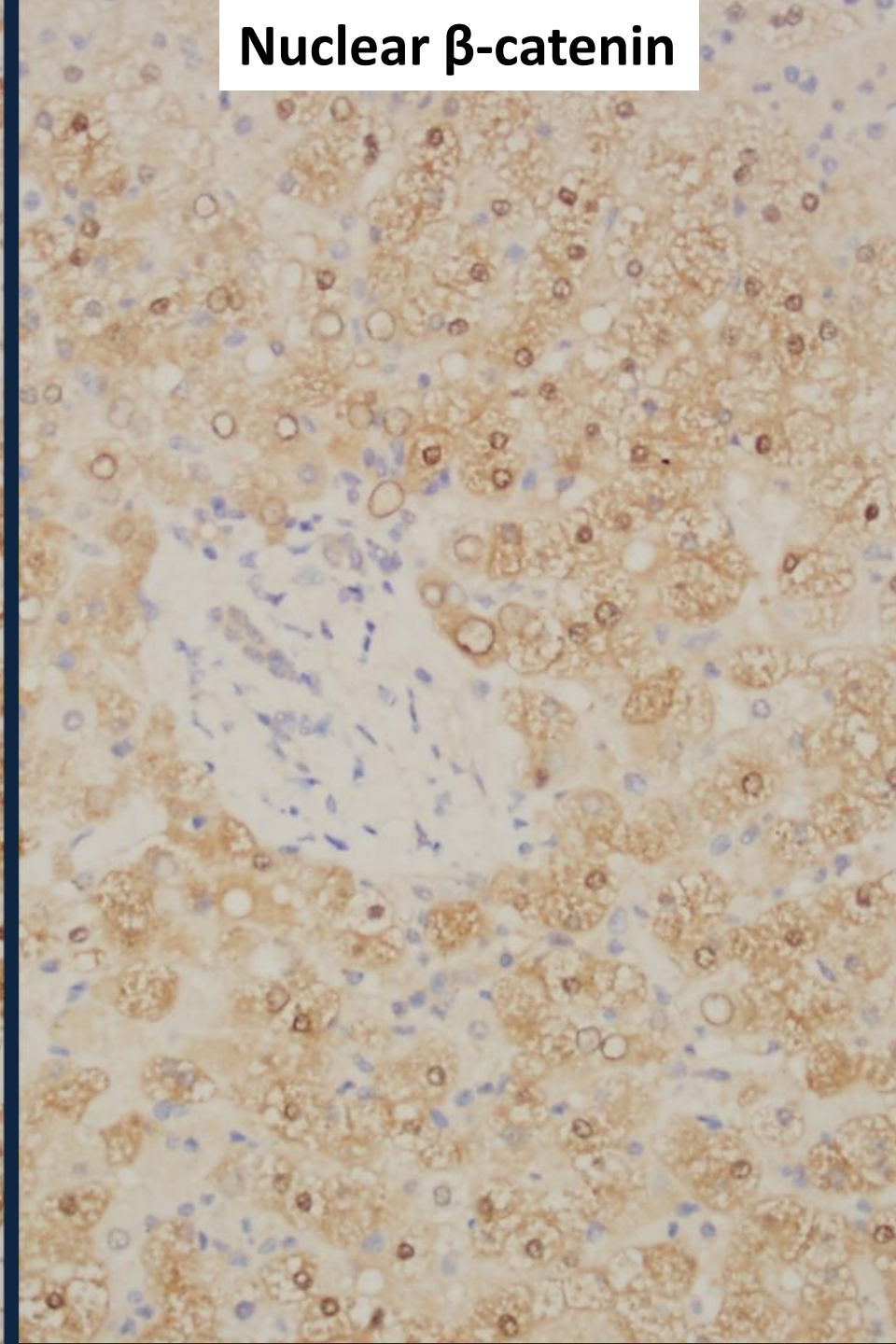
Well-differentiated tumor



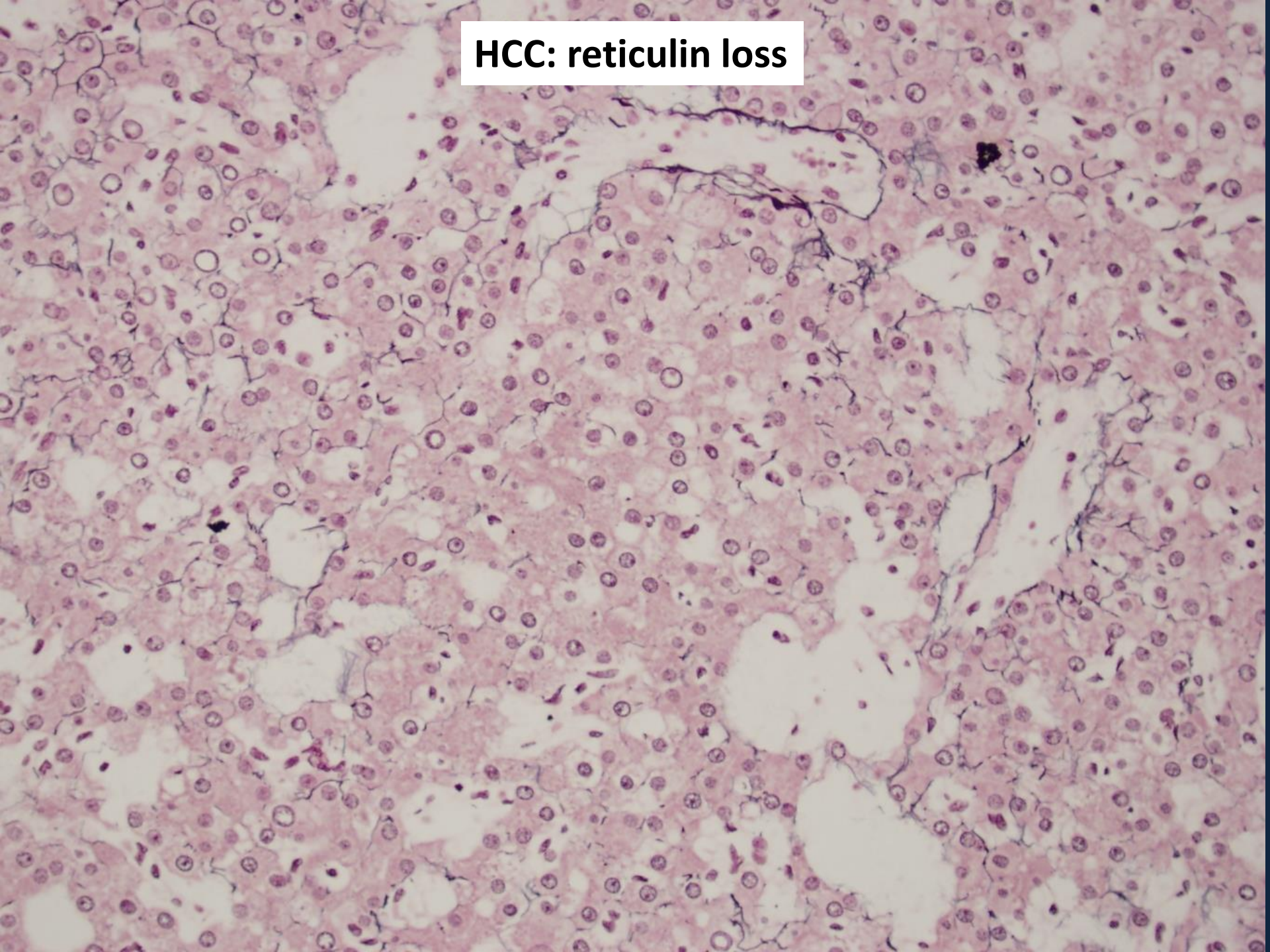
Diffuse GS



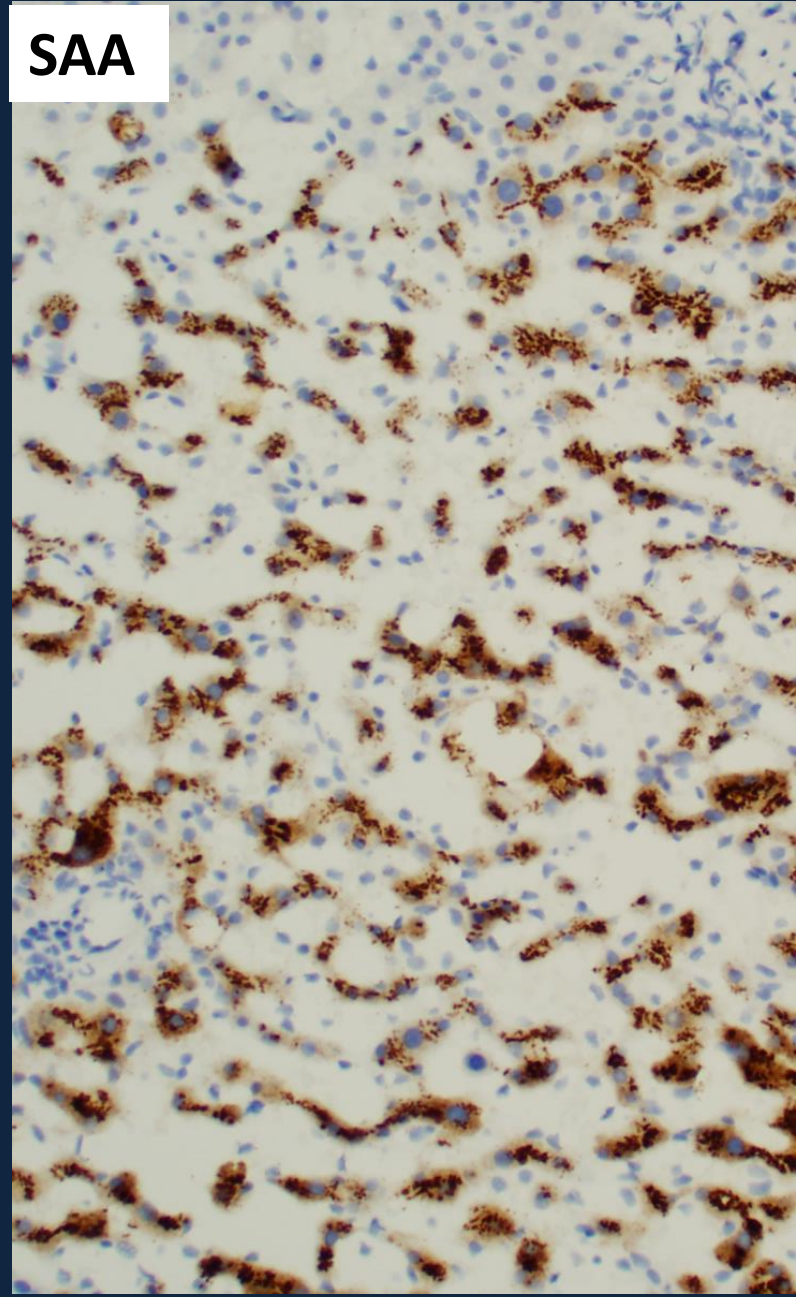
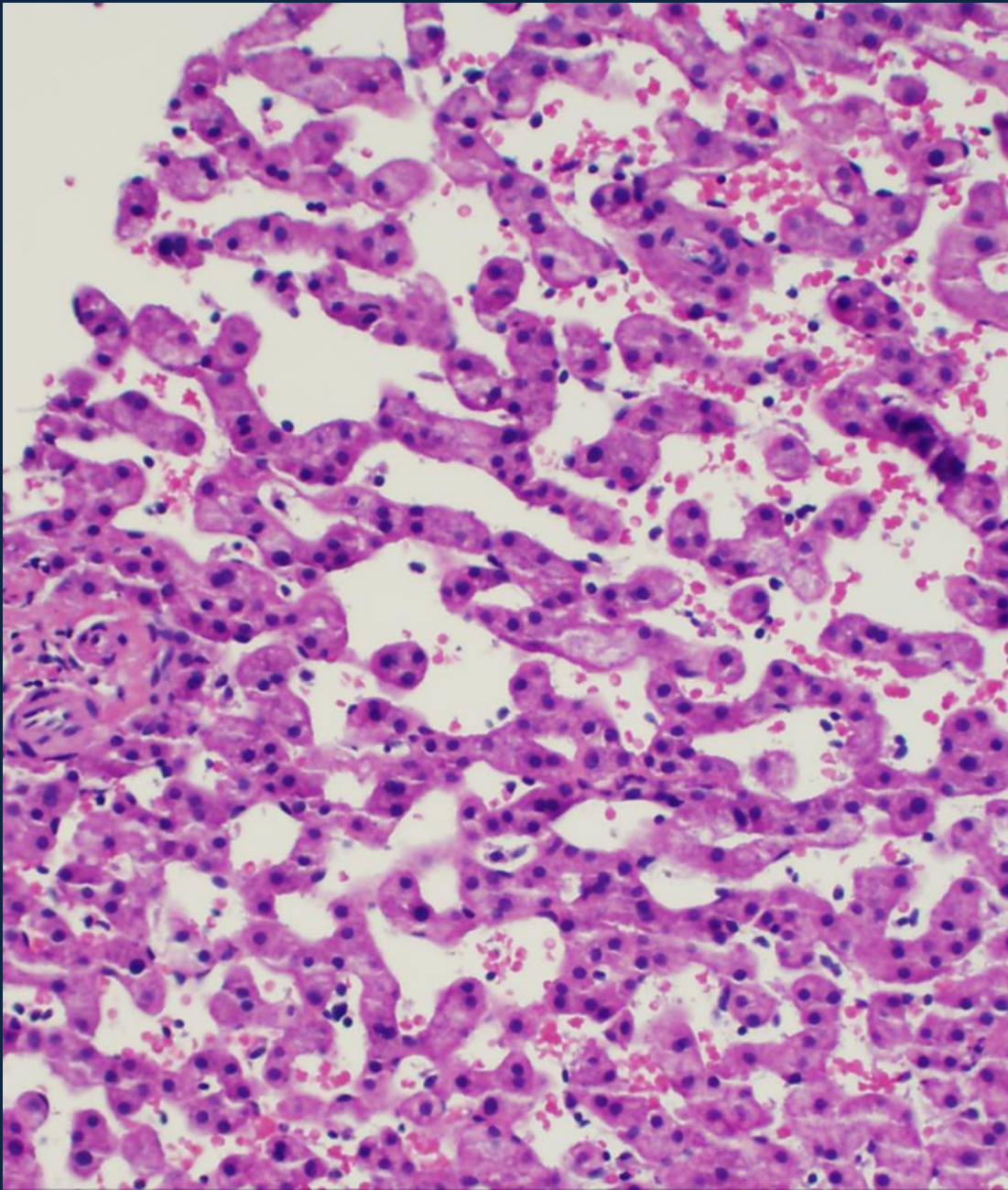
Nuclear β -catenin



HCC: reticulin loss



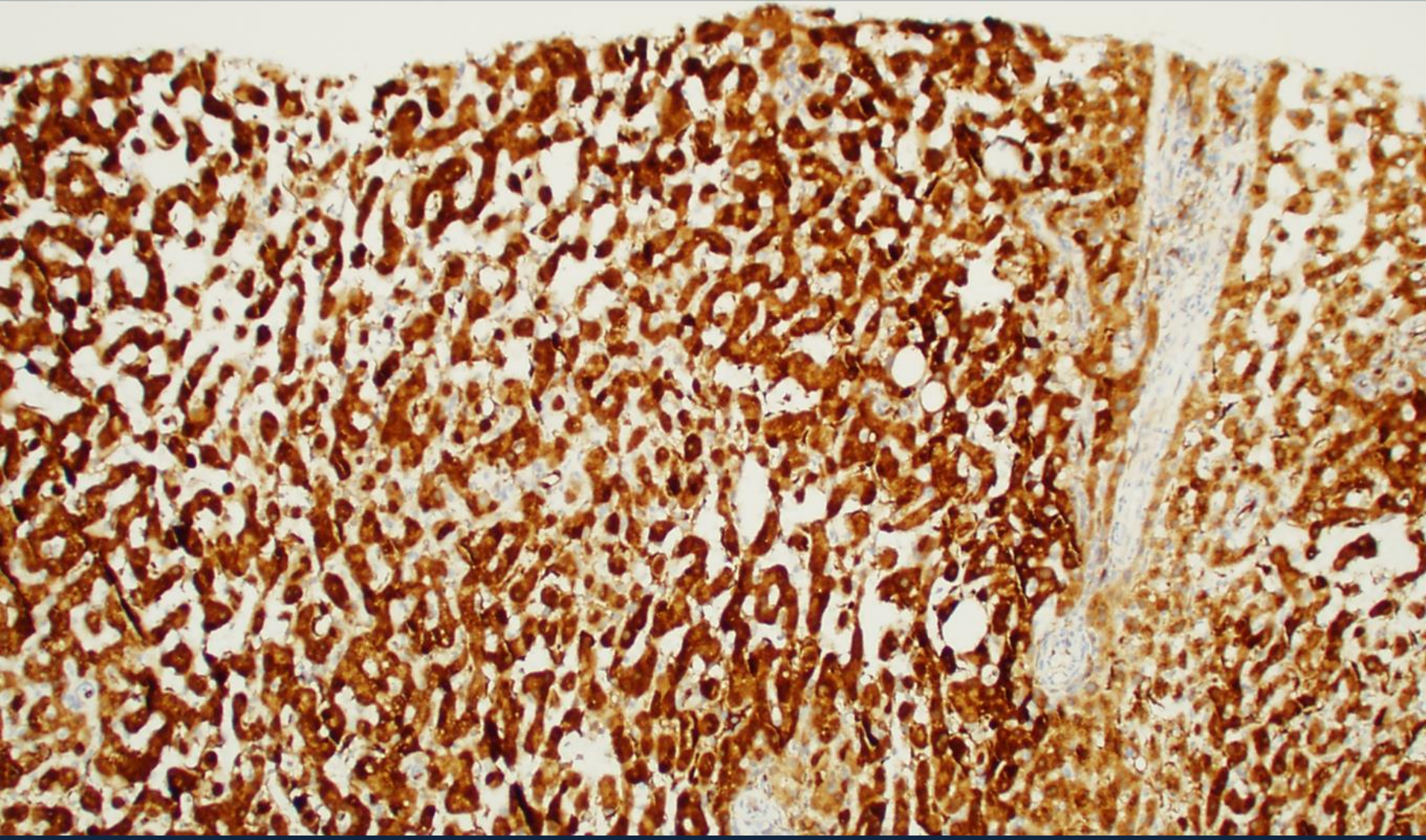
Inflammatory HCA



Diagnosis: Atypical hepatocellular neoplasm (AHN)

Diffuse GS: β -catenin activation

No other high risk feature



Terminology

- **Atypical hepatocellular neoplasm**
- **Well-differentiated hepatocellular neoplasm with atypical/borderline features**
- **Atypical adenoma**

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Hepatocellular neoplasm with uncertain
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Hepatocellular neoplasm with atypical
characteristics (HONC)

Are you a HUMPPer or a HONCer?

HUMP: Hepatocellular neoplasm with uncertain malignant potential

HONC: Hepatocellular neoplasm with atypical characteristics

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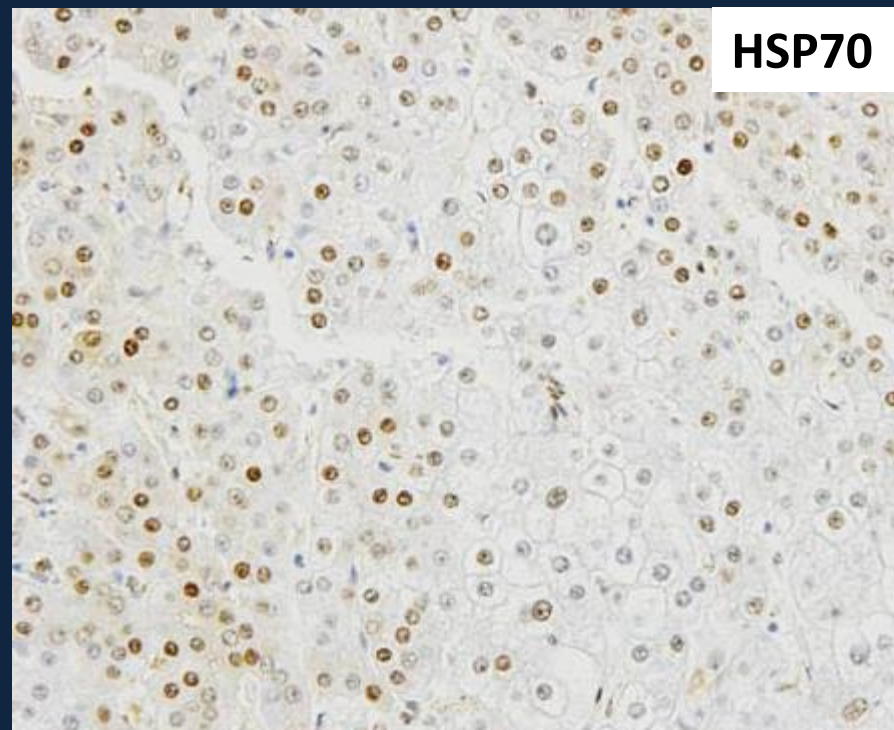
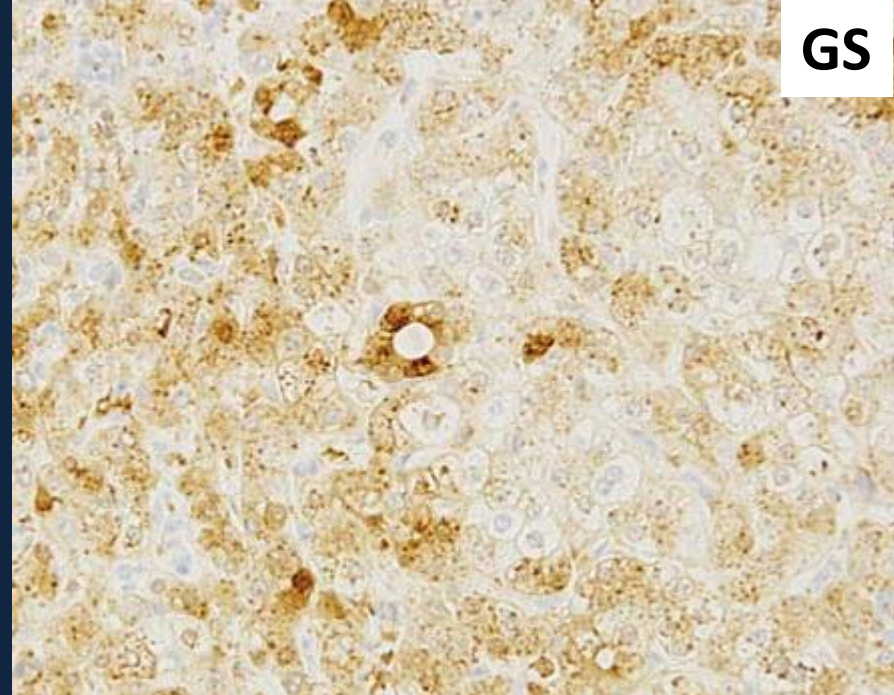
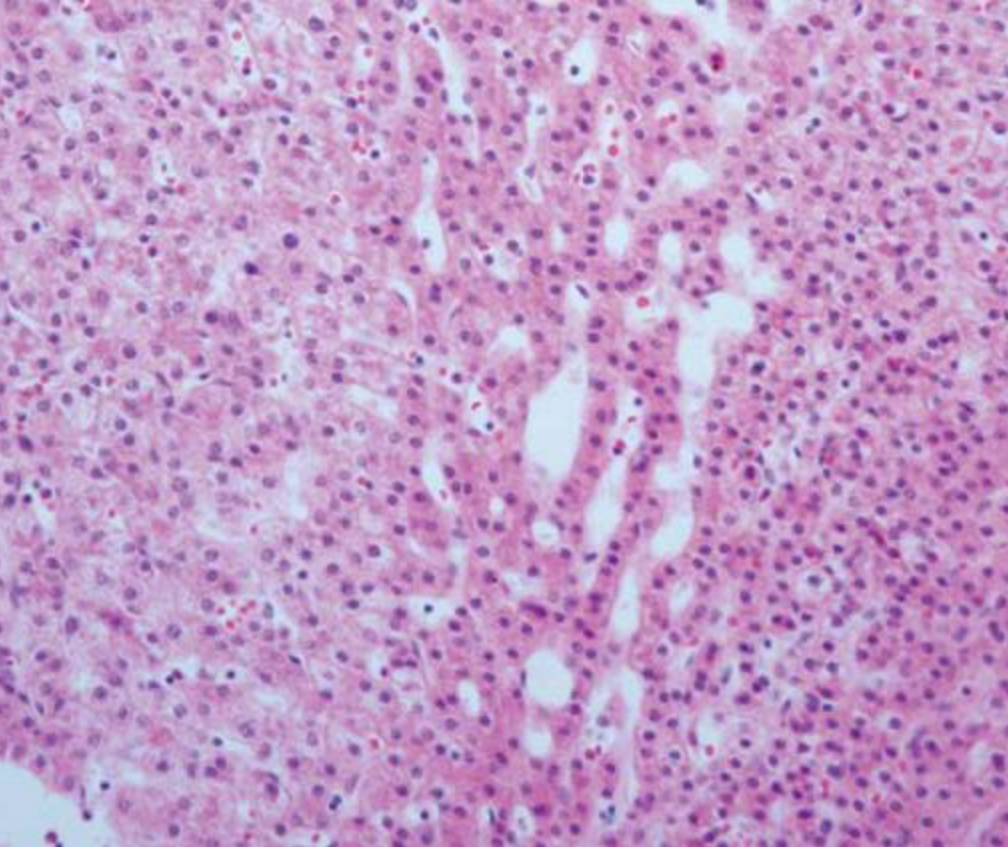
Ancillary studies

- HSP70, Glypican-3
- β -catenin mutation analysis
- TERT promoter mutation
- Cytogenetic changes: Gains of 1, 7, 8

Hale/Kakar, USCAP 2015

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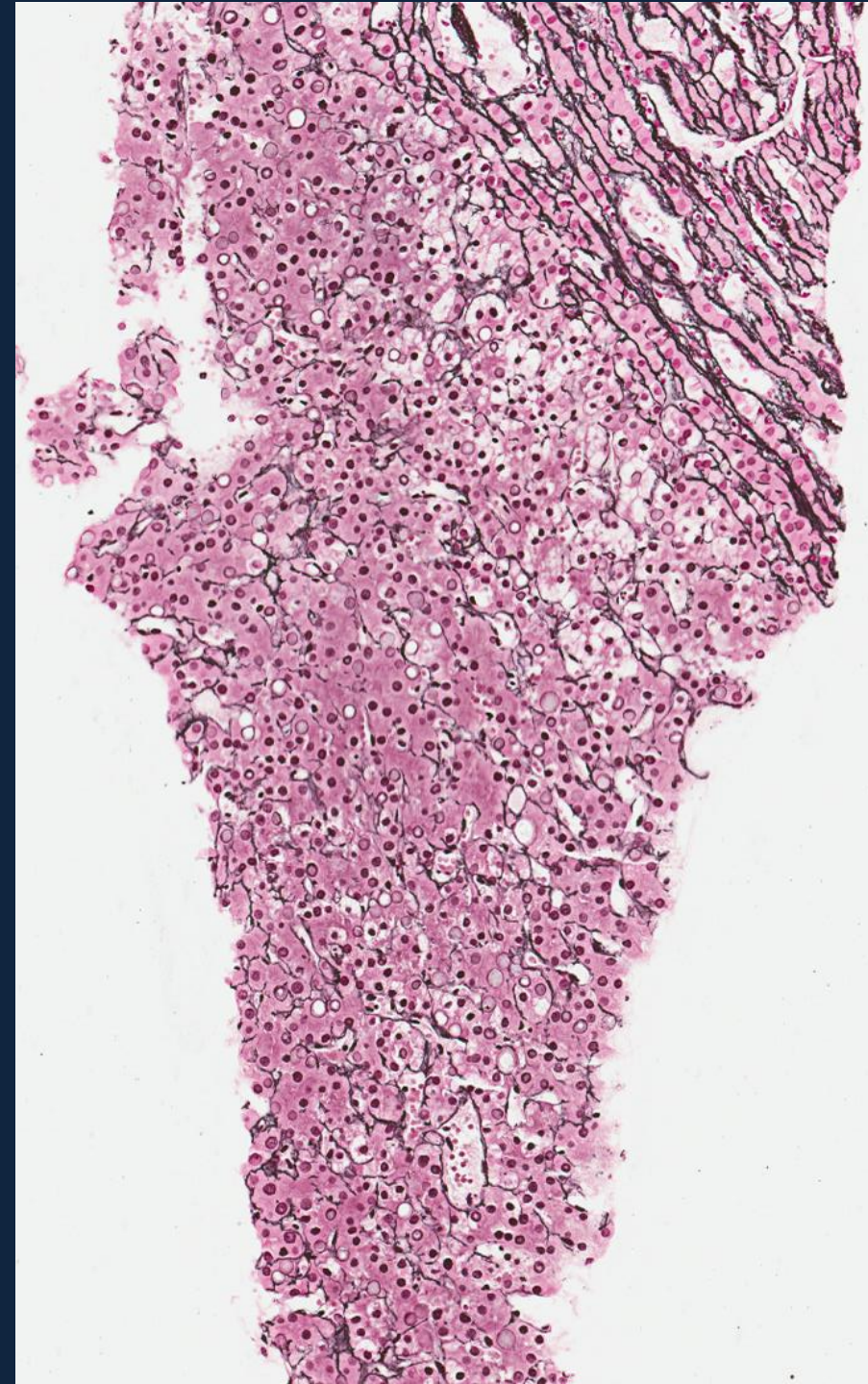
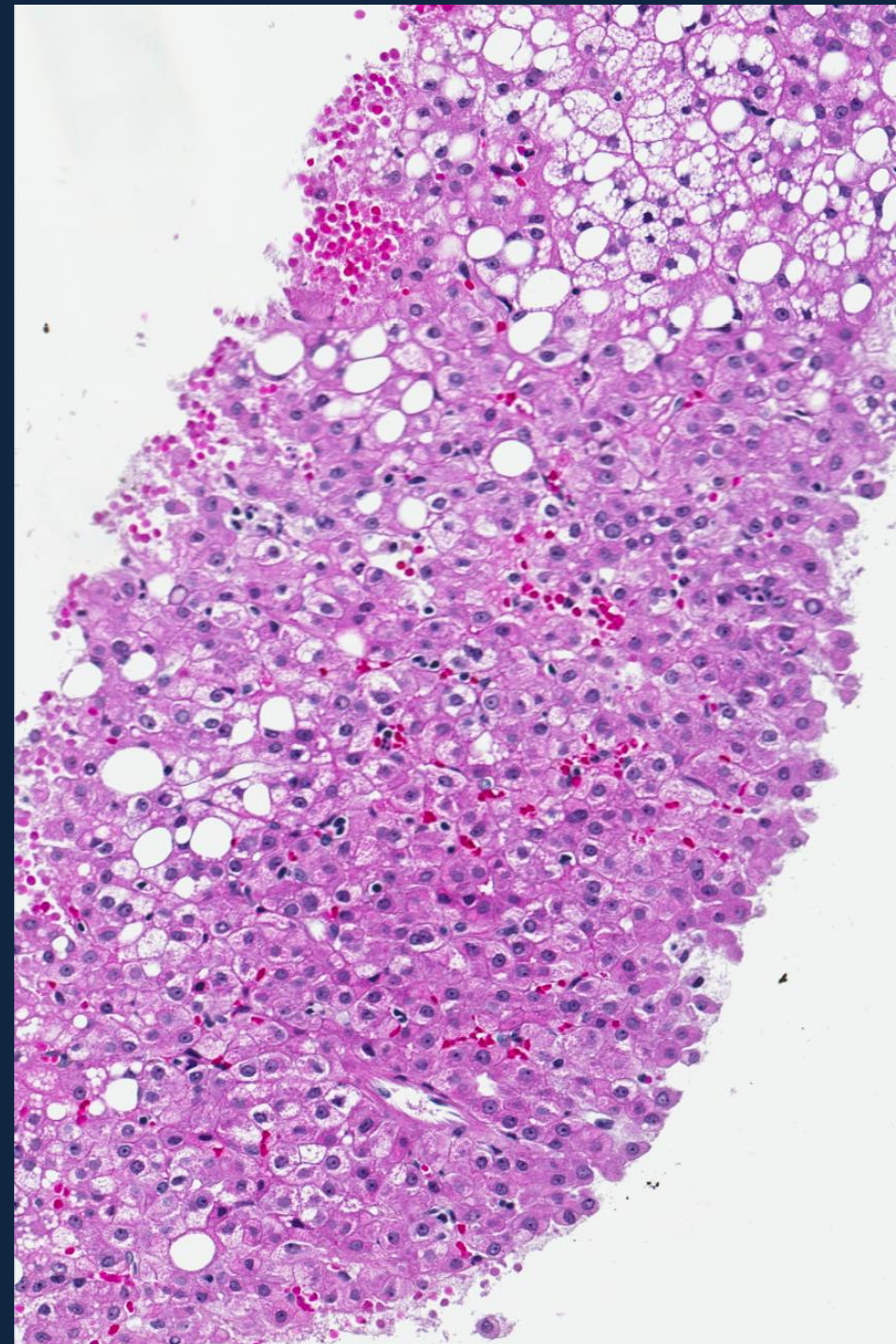
Evason/Kakar, Hum Pathol 2013



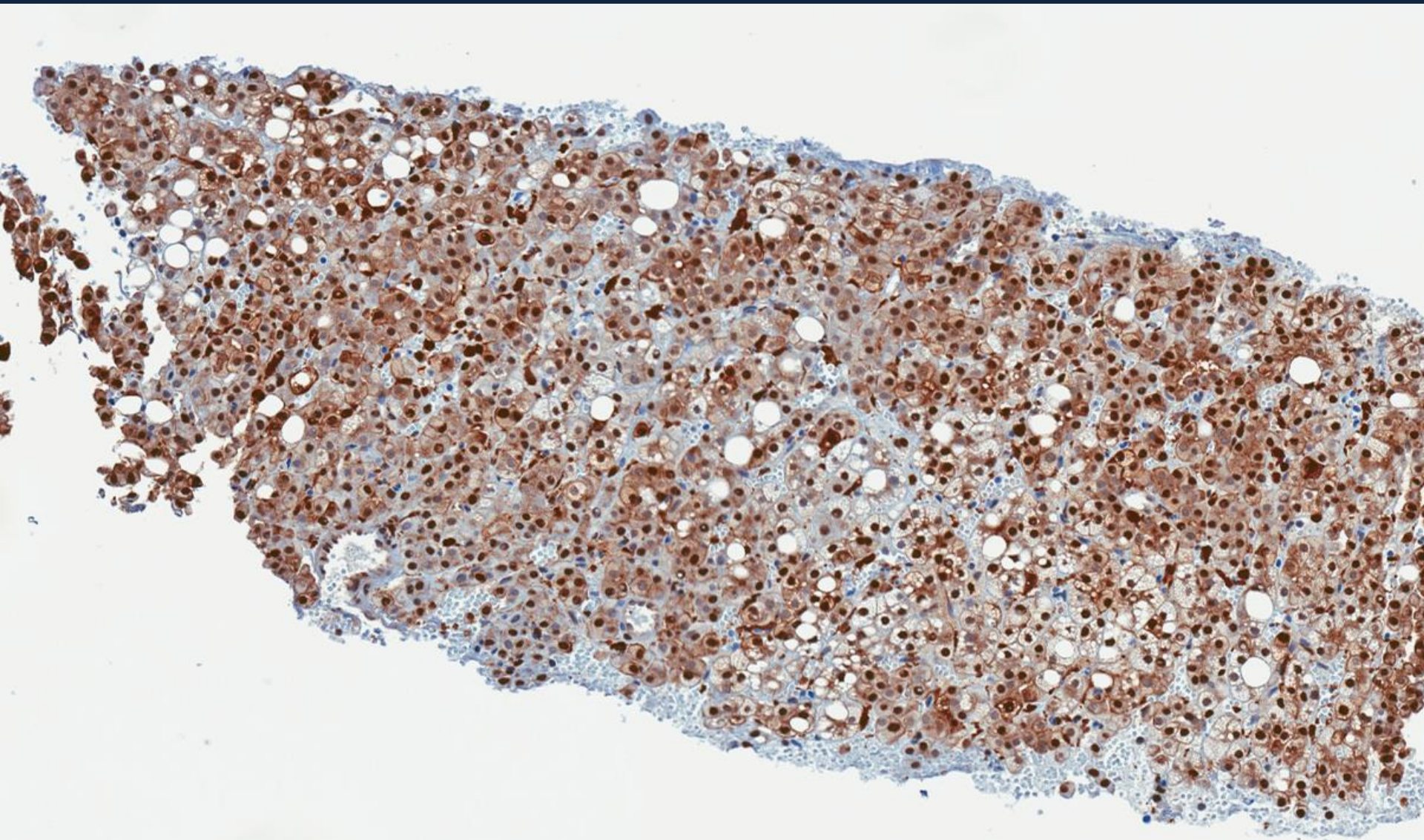
HSP70

- Maybe helpful in a small minority of atypical lesions
- Diffuse strong staining

Lagana, Appl Immunohistochem Mol Morph, 2012
Nguyen/Kakar, Mod Pathol 2015



HSP70: diffuse nuclear staining



Ancillary studies

- HSP70, Glypican-3
- Sequencing:
 - β-catenin mutation: exon 3, others (exon 7,8)
 - APC*, *AXIN* mutations
- TERT promoter mutation
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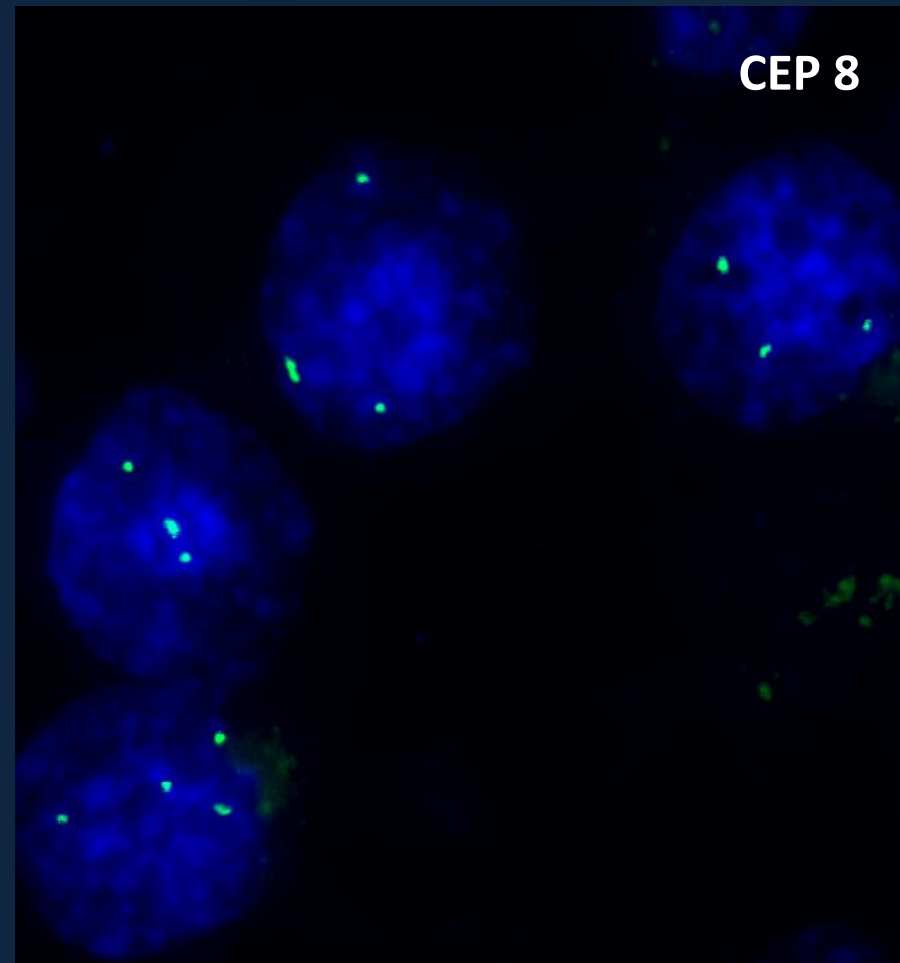
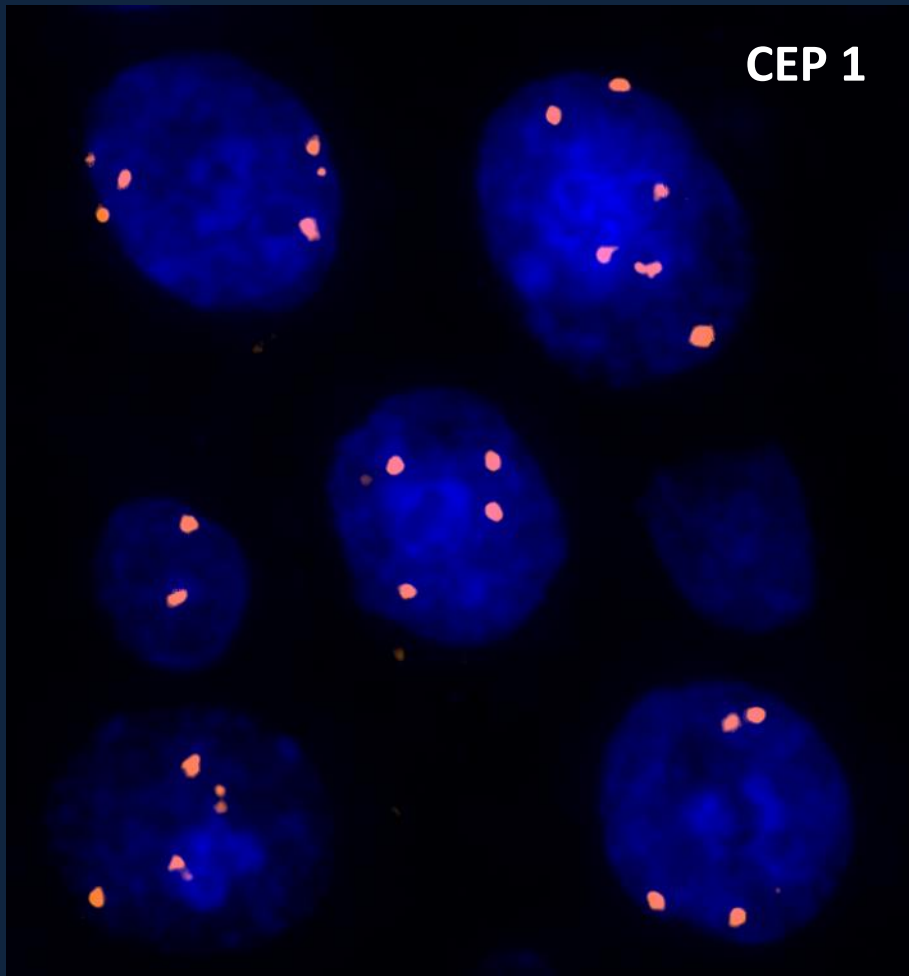
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Atypical hepatocellular adenoma-like neoplasms with β -catenin activation show cytogenetic alterations similar to well-differentiated hepatocellular carcinomas☆☆☆

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FISH by JP Grenert, UCSF

Recommendations

No map-like GS typical of FNH

Cytoarchitectural atypia not enough for HCC

Biopsy	Diagnosis
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Woman-No high risk feature	Hepatocellular adenoma
<p>High risk features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Man (any age)-Age >50 years-Focal atypical features insufficient for HCC-β-catenin activation	<p>Atypical hepatocellular neoplasm (AHN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Reason for AHN can be stated in a comment-Other terms like HUMP

Recommendations

No map-like GS typical of FNH

Cytoarchitectural atypia not enough for HCC

Resection	Diagnosis
-Woman -No high risk feature	Hepatocellular adenoma
-Man (any age) -Age >50 years -No other risk factor	Hepatocellular adenoma (can recommend follow-up, as HCA are uncommon in this setting)
Focal atypical features insufficient for HCC	HCA or AHN Depends on extent of atypia on resection
β-catenin activation	β -catenin HCA (WHO 2010), or AHN with β -catenin activation

Recommendations

HCC

- **Cytoarchitectural abnormalities**
- **Multifocal reticulin loss**
- **Do not use AHN in this setting**

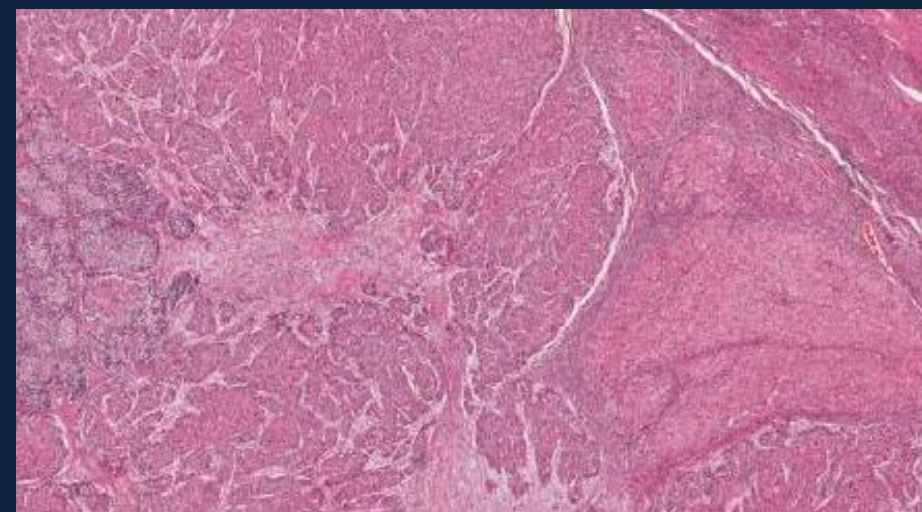
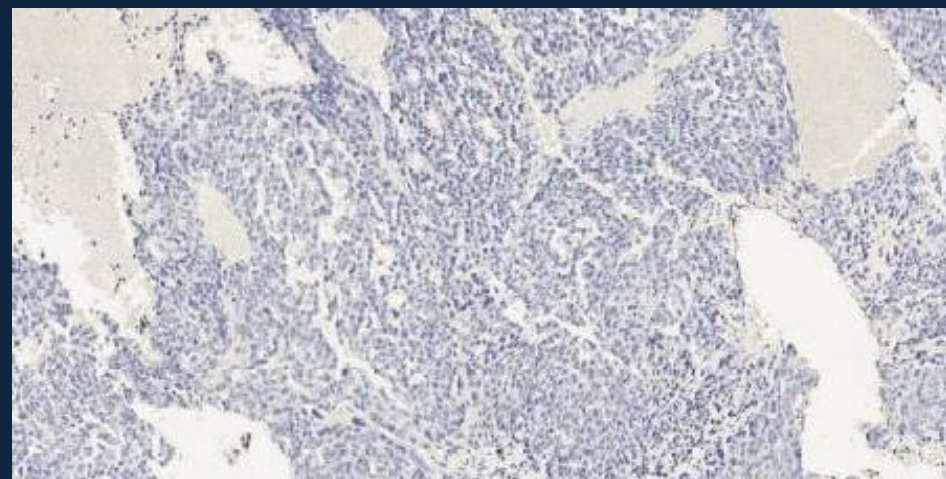
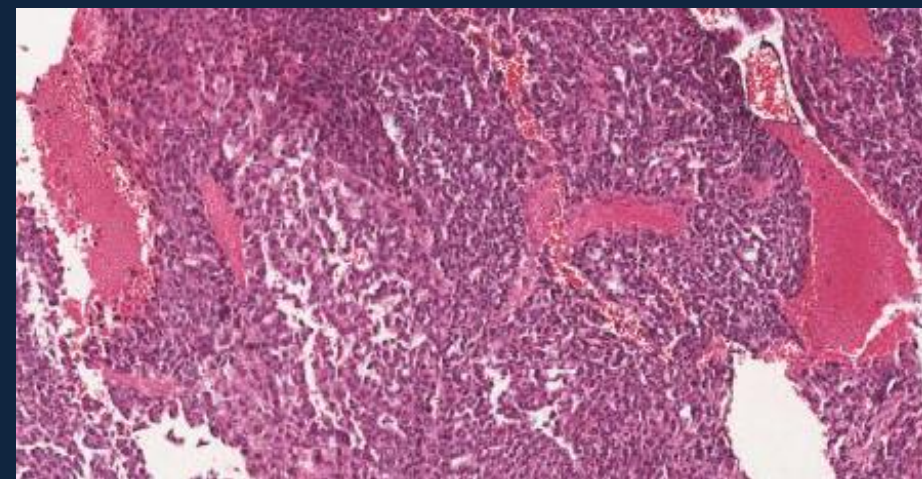
Management of HCA

Management	Tumor characteristics
Conservative with annual surveillance	Solitary HCA, <5 cm No high risk features
Resection	Women: solitary HCA \geq 5 cm Men (?women>50 years): all cases High-risk features

IHC: subtyping adenoma

- Subtyping adenoma not necessary if β -catenin activation excluded
- Establish diagnosis of adenoma based on morphology, not by IHC used for subtyping
- Pitfalls
 - LFABP loss can occur in HCC
 - SAA, CRP staining can be seen in HCC
 - Diffuse GS staining in HCC

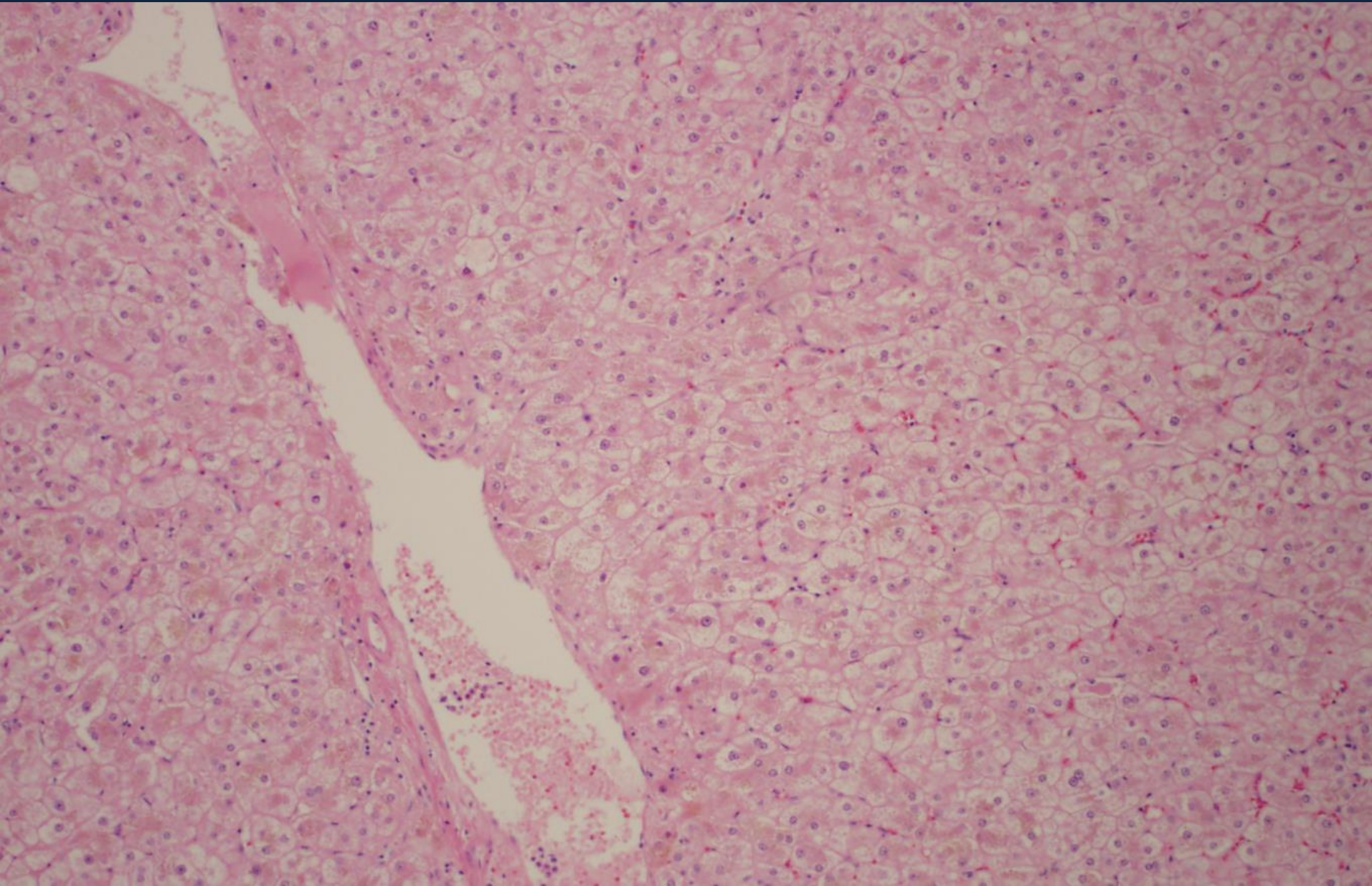
LFABP loss in HCC



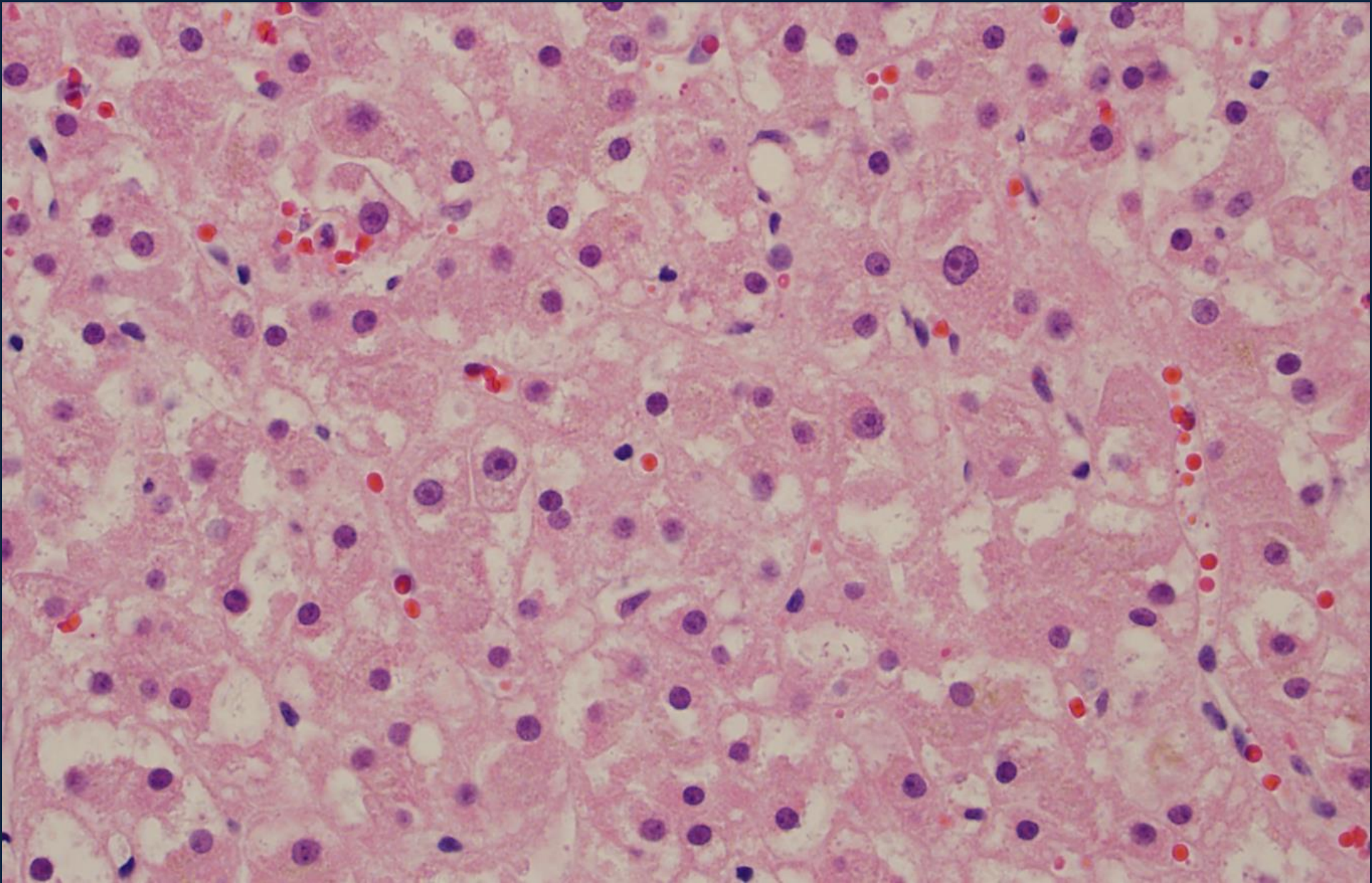
Hepatic adenomatosis

- By definition, ≥ 10 adenomas
- Young women
- Most are HNF1 α -inactivated or inflammatory
- Pathogenesis
 - Obesity, less strong association with OCs
 - Germline *HNF1 α* mutations
- Glycogen storage disease type I, III

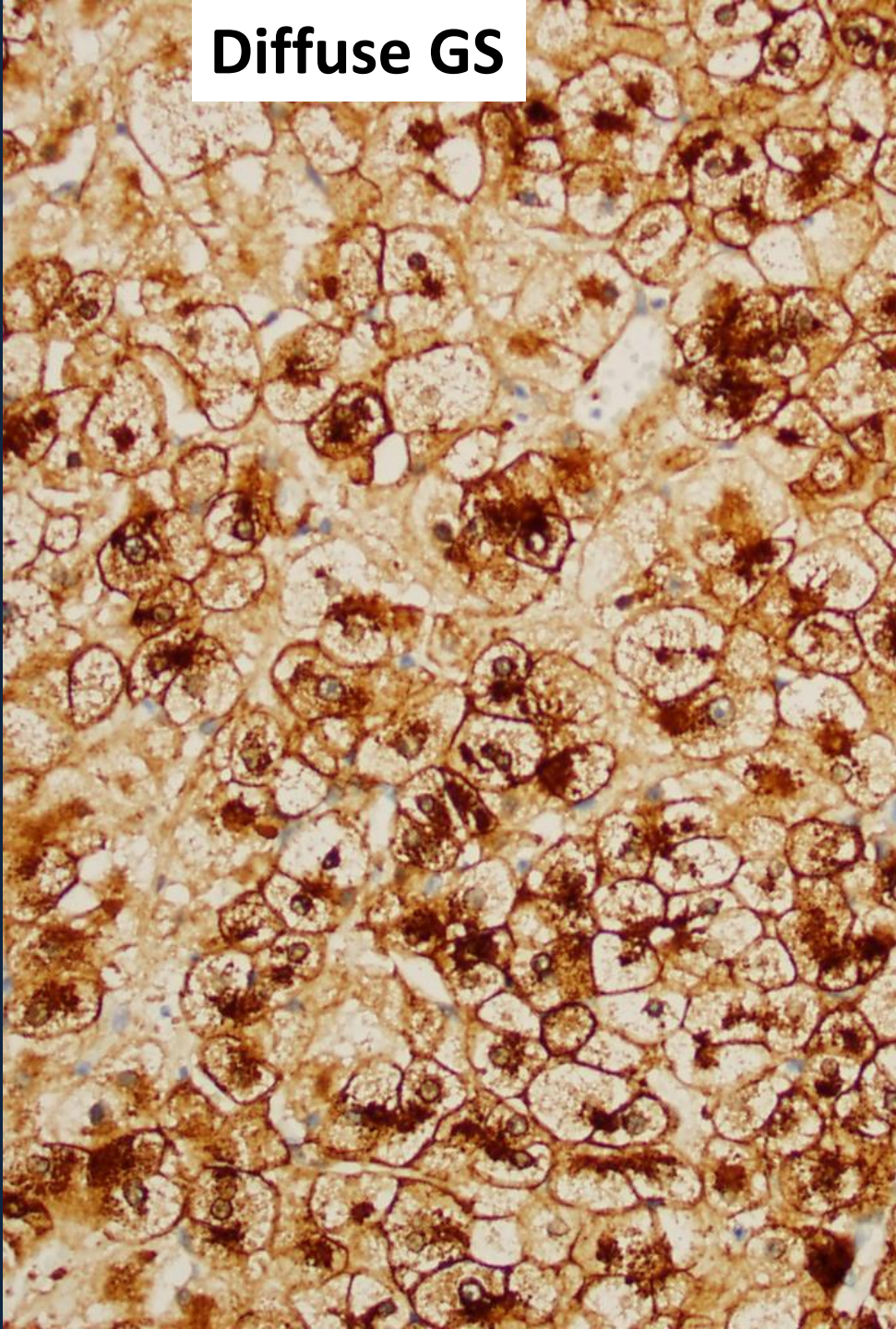
34/M, 4.5 cm liver mass



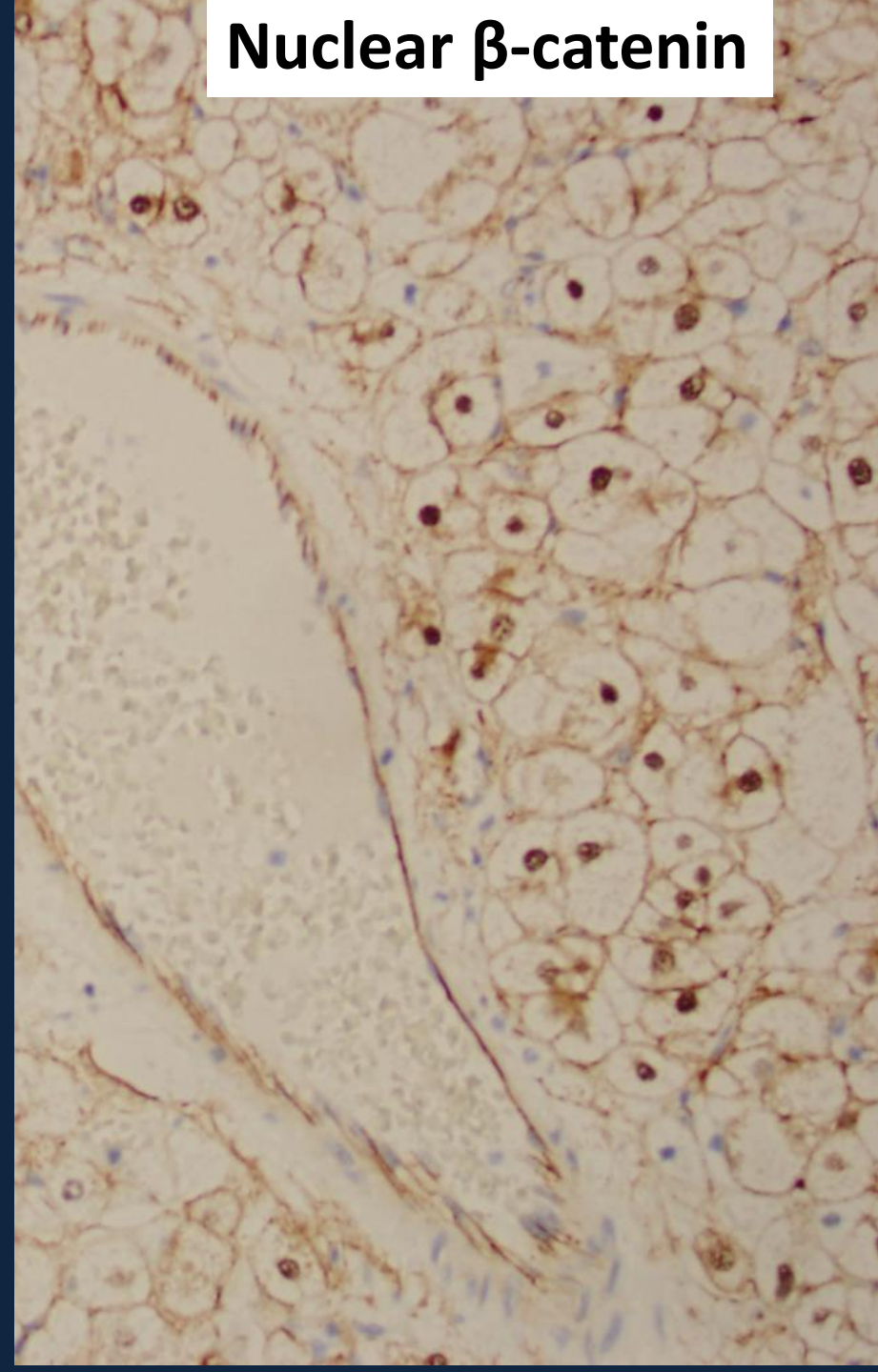
Minimal atypia



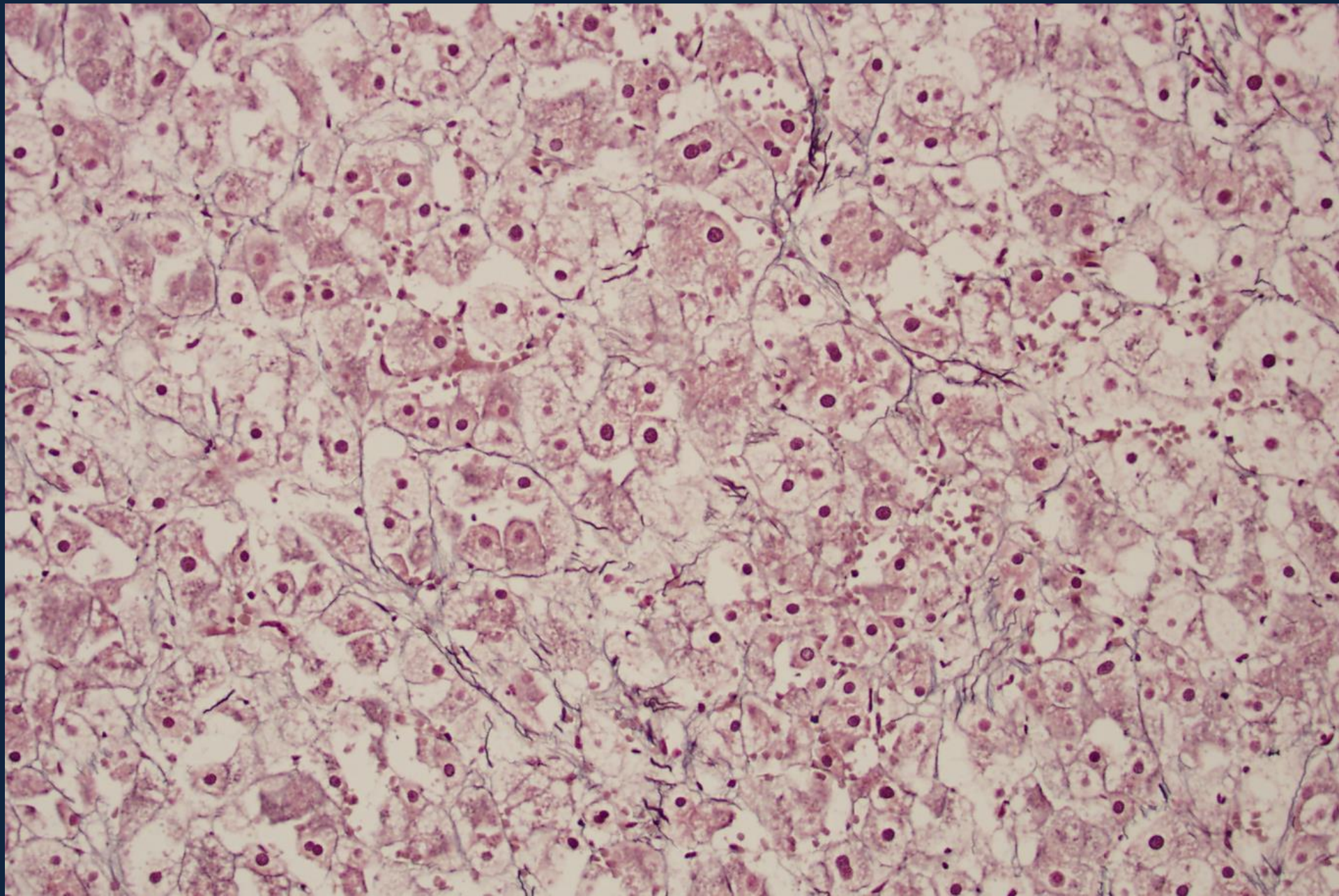
Diffuse GS



Nuclear β -catenin



Reticulin loss



Atypical features

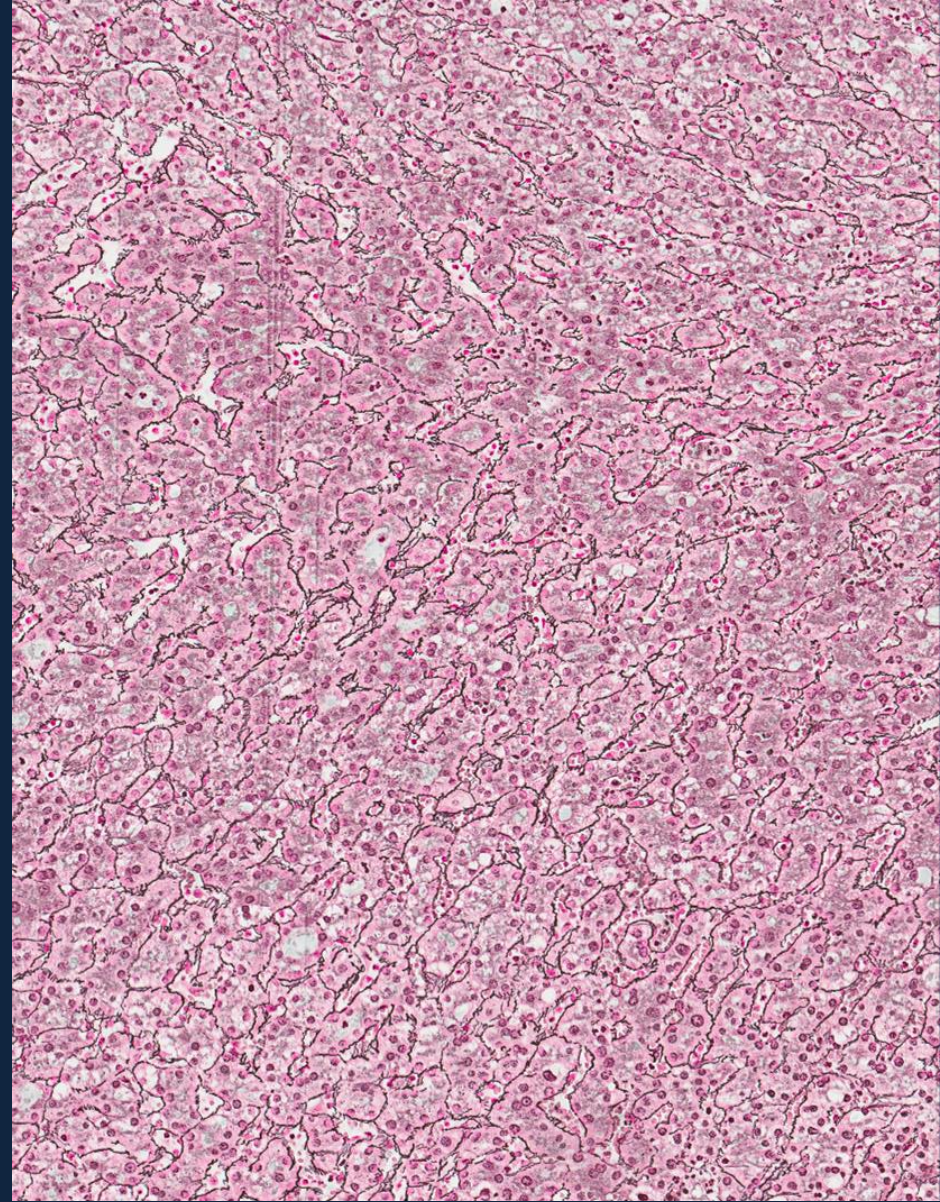
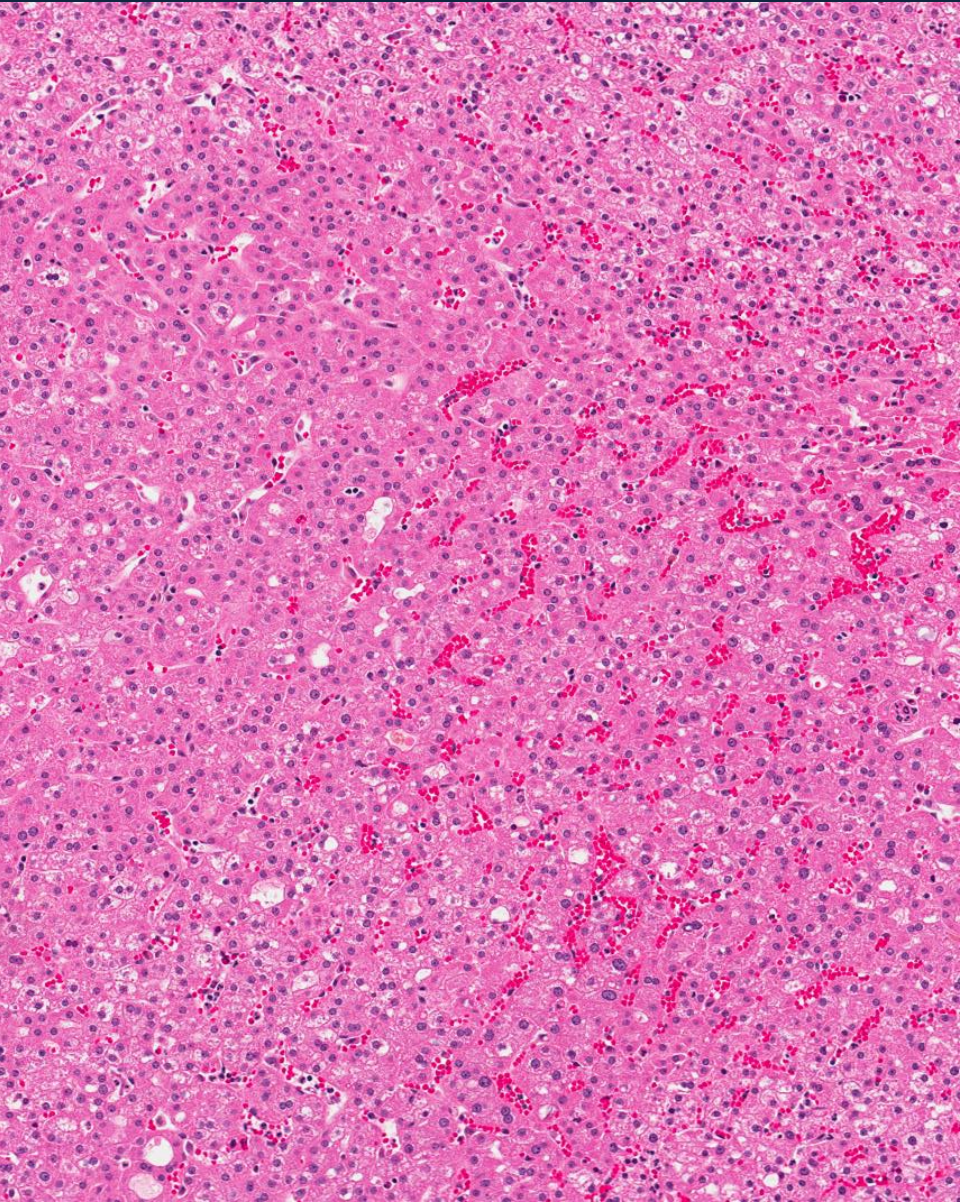
- Cytoarchitectural abnormalities
- Extensive loss of reticulin

**Atypical hepatocellular neoplasm, or
HCC**

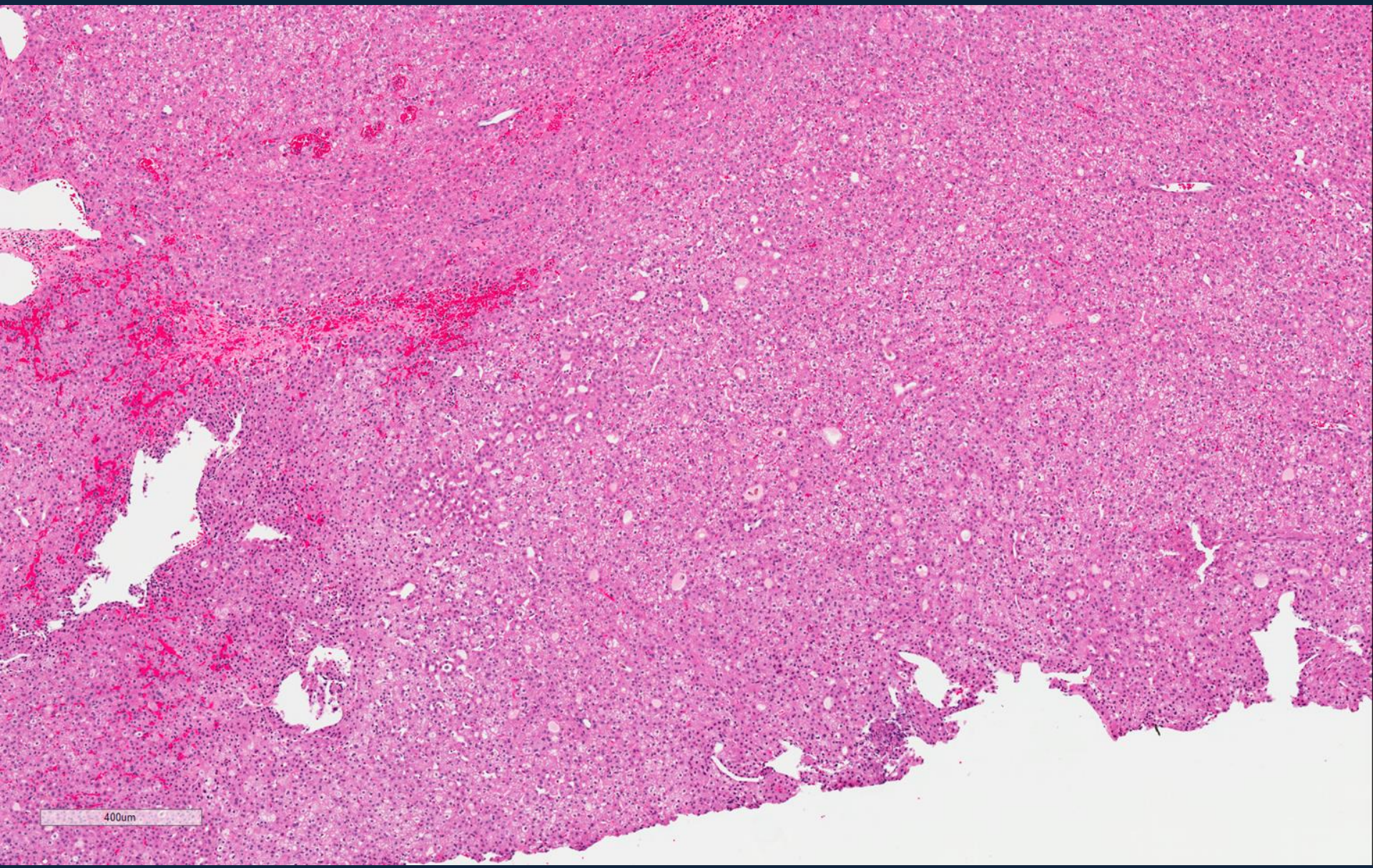
Summary

Biopsy diagnosis	Implication
FNH vs HCA	Resection vs no resection Minimum stains: GS, SAA
Hepatocellular tumors Men, size ≥ 5 cm FNH excluded	Resection recommended -Risk of bleeding -Risk of HCC Distinction between HCA, AHN and HCC on bx may not be important
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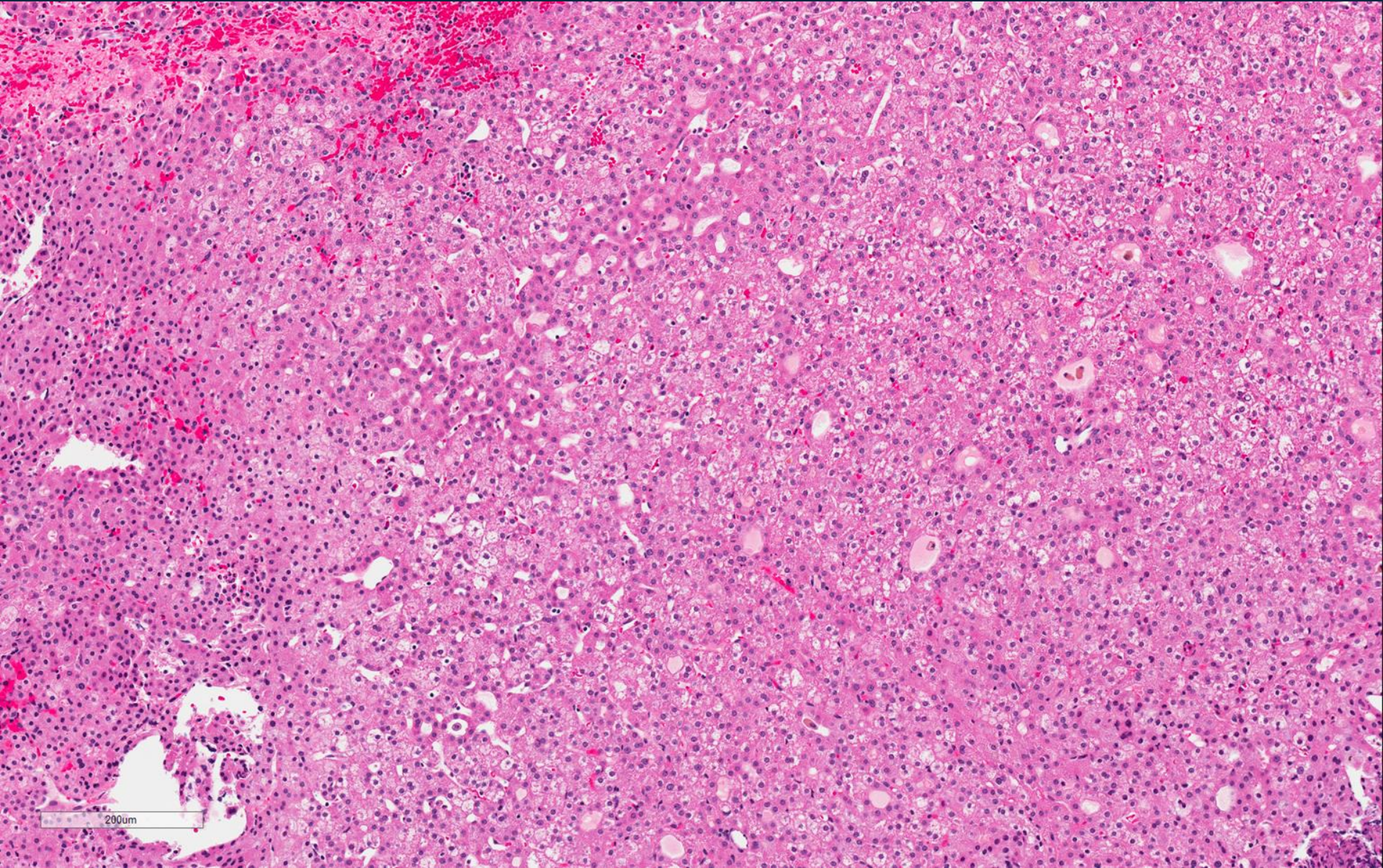
40/F, 9 cm liver mass
Most of the tumor: no atypia



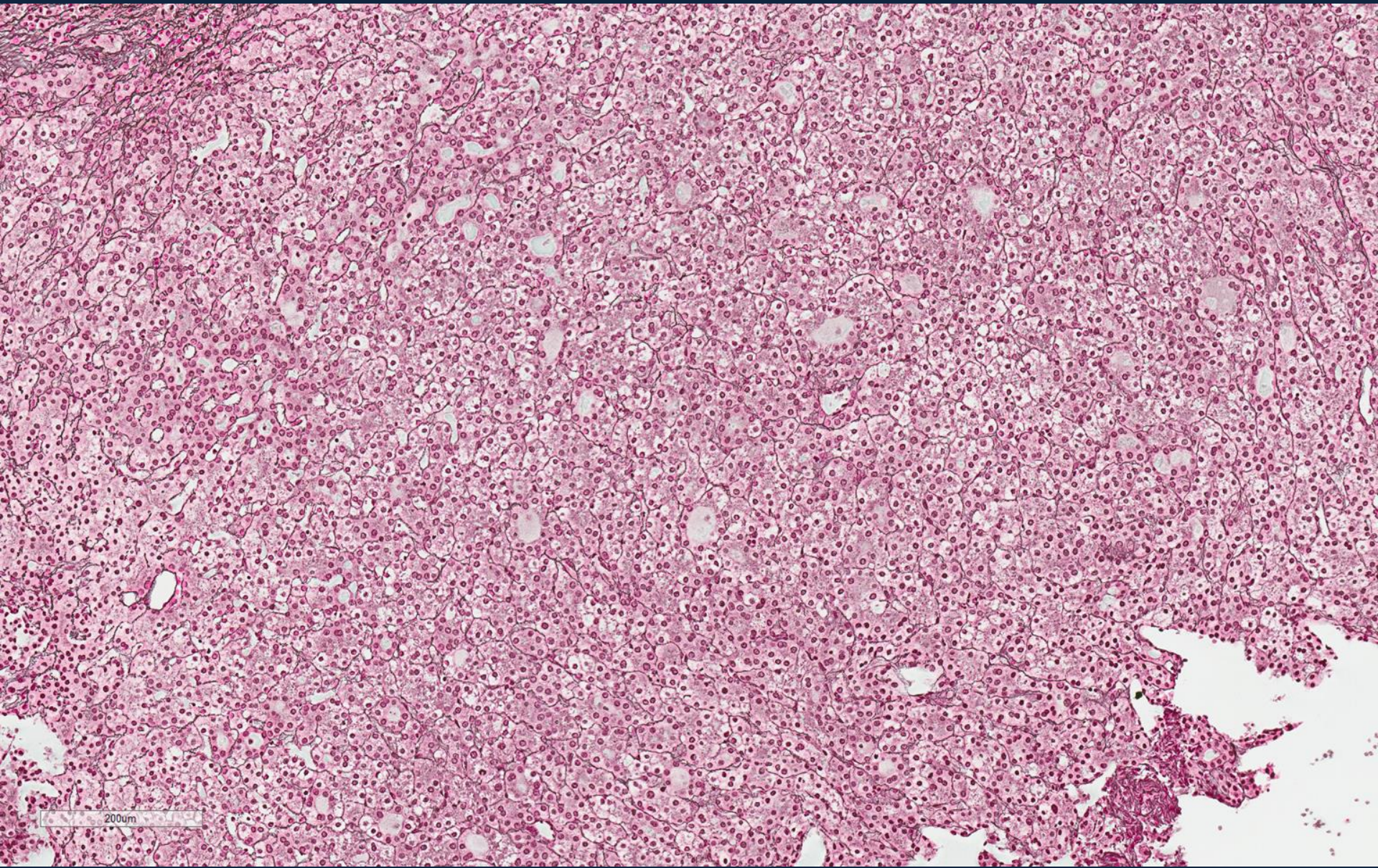
8 mm atypical focus



Pseudoacinar, small cell change



Reticulin stain



Atypical features

- **Cytoarchitectural abnormalities**
- **Abnormal reticulin pattern**

**Atypical hepatocellular neoplasm, or
HCC arising in HCA**

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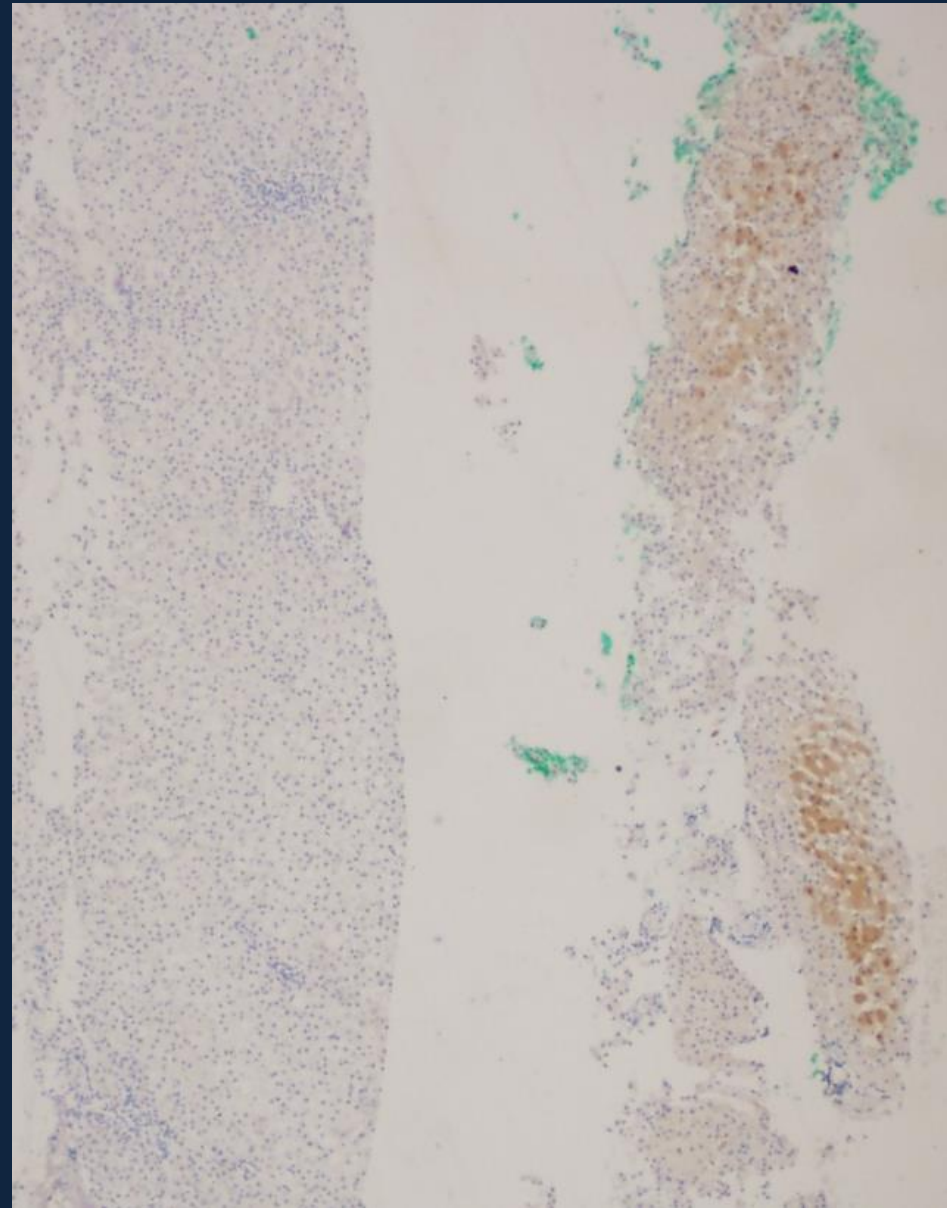
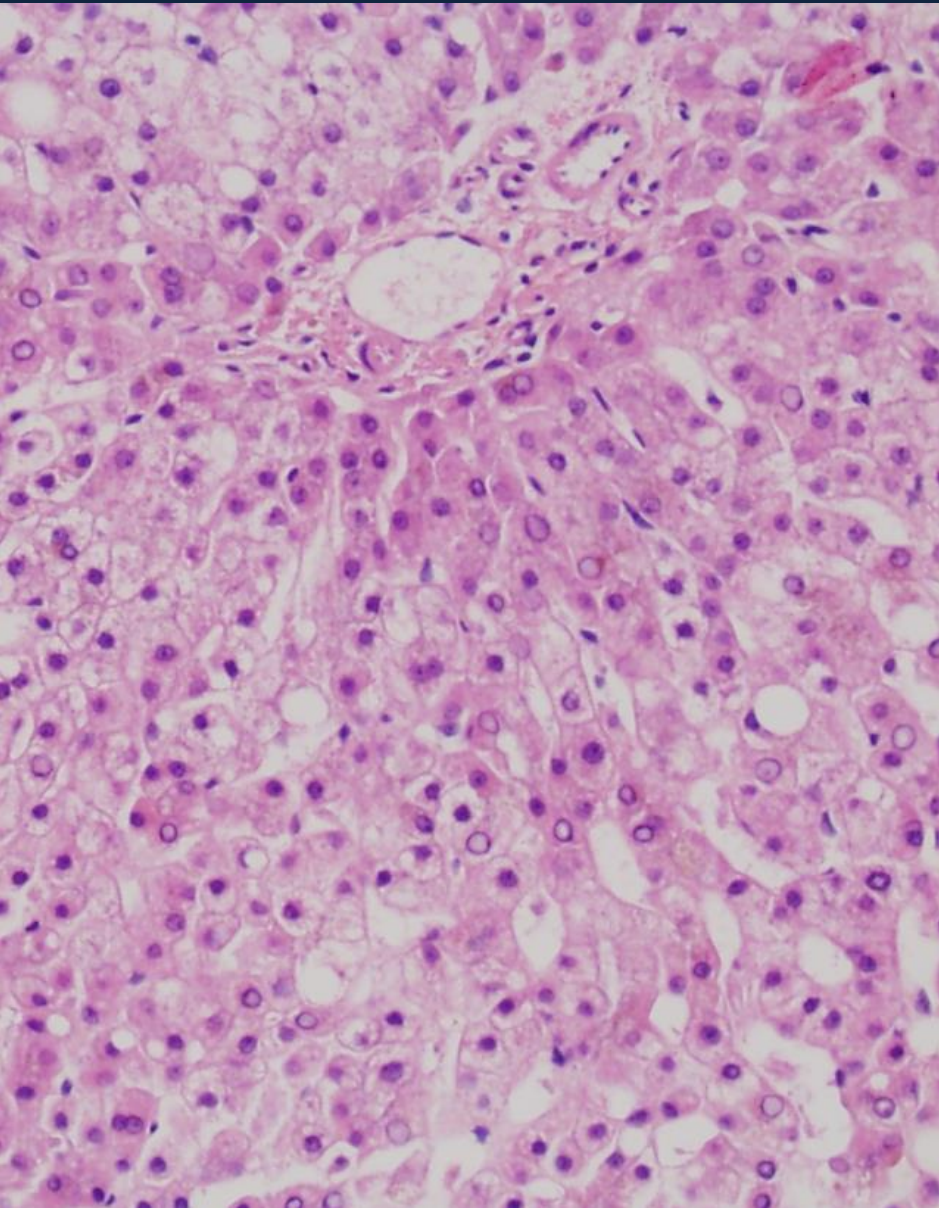
Minimum stains

Stain	Interpretation
Reticulin	Loss: HCC
GS	Diffuse: Suggest β-catenin activation Map-like: FNH Patchy, no specific pattern: HCA
SAA	Inflammatory HCA

H-HCA: diagnostic challenges

Diagnostic challenge	Approach
Fat may be absent	Overall morphologic features LFABP, other stains
Fat in other HCA subtypes, FNH	Overall morphologic features LFABP, other stains
LFABP can be weak	Titrate stain appropriately 'All or none': any +ve staining usually means LFABP retained
LFABP loss in HCC	LFABP is used to subtype HCA Should not be used to diagnose HCA

H-HCA without fat



Unclear situations

Small (<5 cm) tumors

- **Atypical clinical setting, no atypical morphologic features**
- **Borderline GS staining pattern**

Atypical neoplasm extending to margin

Management of HCA

Management	Tumor characteristics
Conservative with annual surveillance	Solitary HCA <5 cm
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HCA subtypes: US and Europe

Subtype	Bioulac-Sage, Hepatol, 2007 (n=93)	Shafizadeh/Kakar Hum Path 2014 (n=28)	Thung, EASL 2013 (n=61)	Bioulac-Sage, AJSP 2012 (n=137)
HNF1 α	33%	29%	33%	22%
Inflammatory	40%	32%	44%	53%
β -catenin, not IHCA	17%	0	2%	2%
IHCA with β -catenin	2%	3%	2%	11%
Unclassified	8%	36%	16%	13%

Shafizadeh/Kakar, Hum Pathol 2014

Imaging features

	FNH	Inflammatory HCA
Central scar	Present	Absent
Contrast CT enhancement	Early homogenous	Heterogeneous and persistent
MRI T1-weighted	Hypointense	Hyperintensity
MRI T2-weighted	Hypointense	Strong hyperintensity

I-HCA: diagnostic challenges

Diagnostic Challenge	Approach
Typical morphology not seen	10%, SAA and/or CRP positive
Morphology like I-HCA, SAA negative	SAA negative in 5-10% Most are CRP-positive
CRP specificity is low FNH often positive in periseptal region	Overall morphologic features Other stains: SAA, GS
SAA, CRP positive in adjacent liver	Focus on morphology Obtain CD34 stain
I-HCA with diffuse GS staining	10% of cases Considered as high-risk HCA
Overlap with FNH	Morphology SAA, CRP, GS

I-HCA: diagnostic challenges

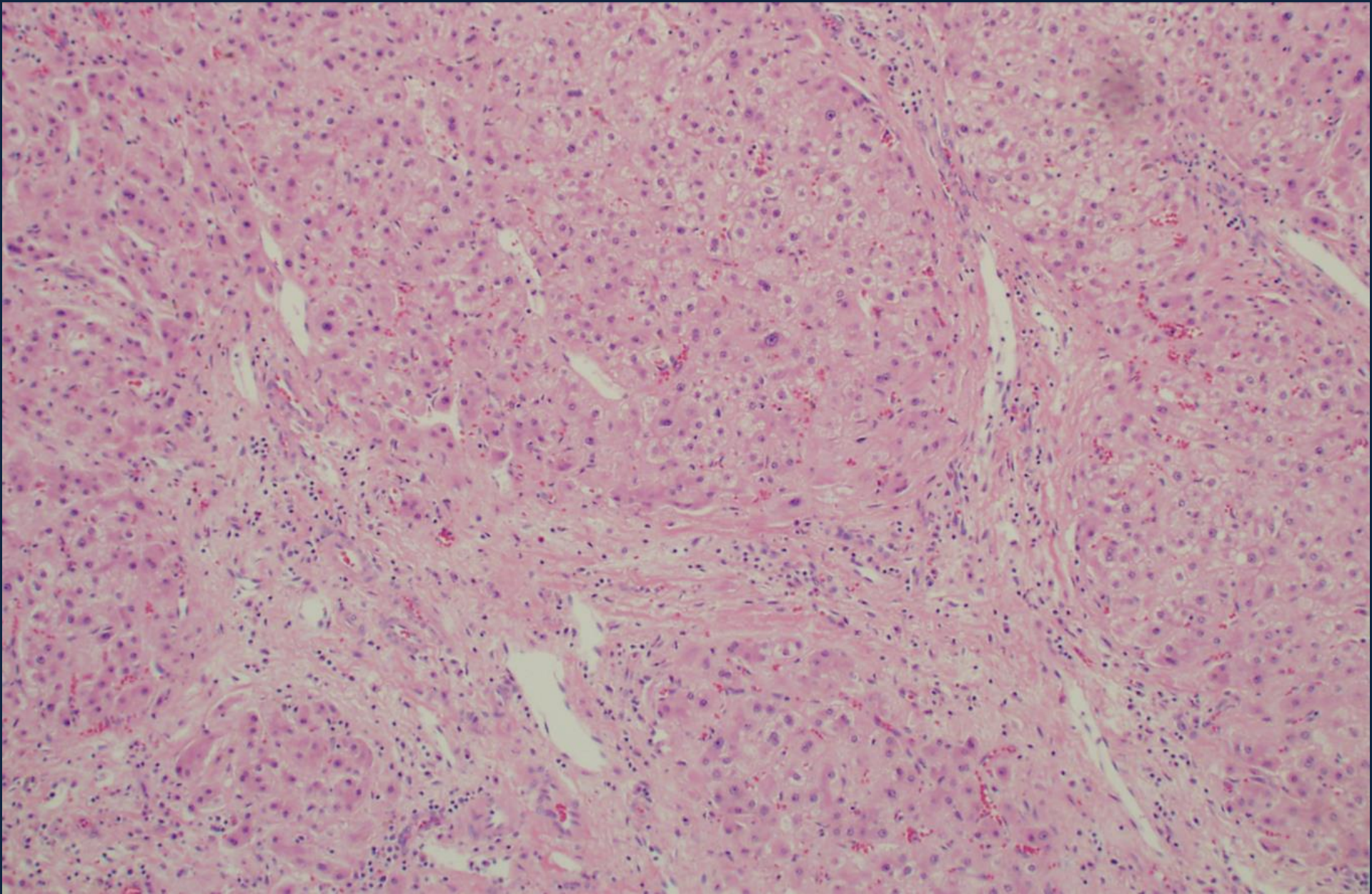
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HCC: criteria for diagnosis

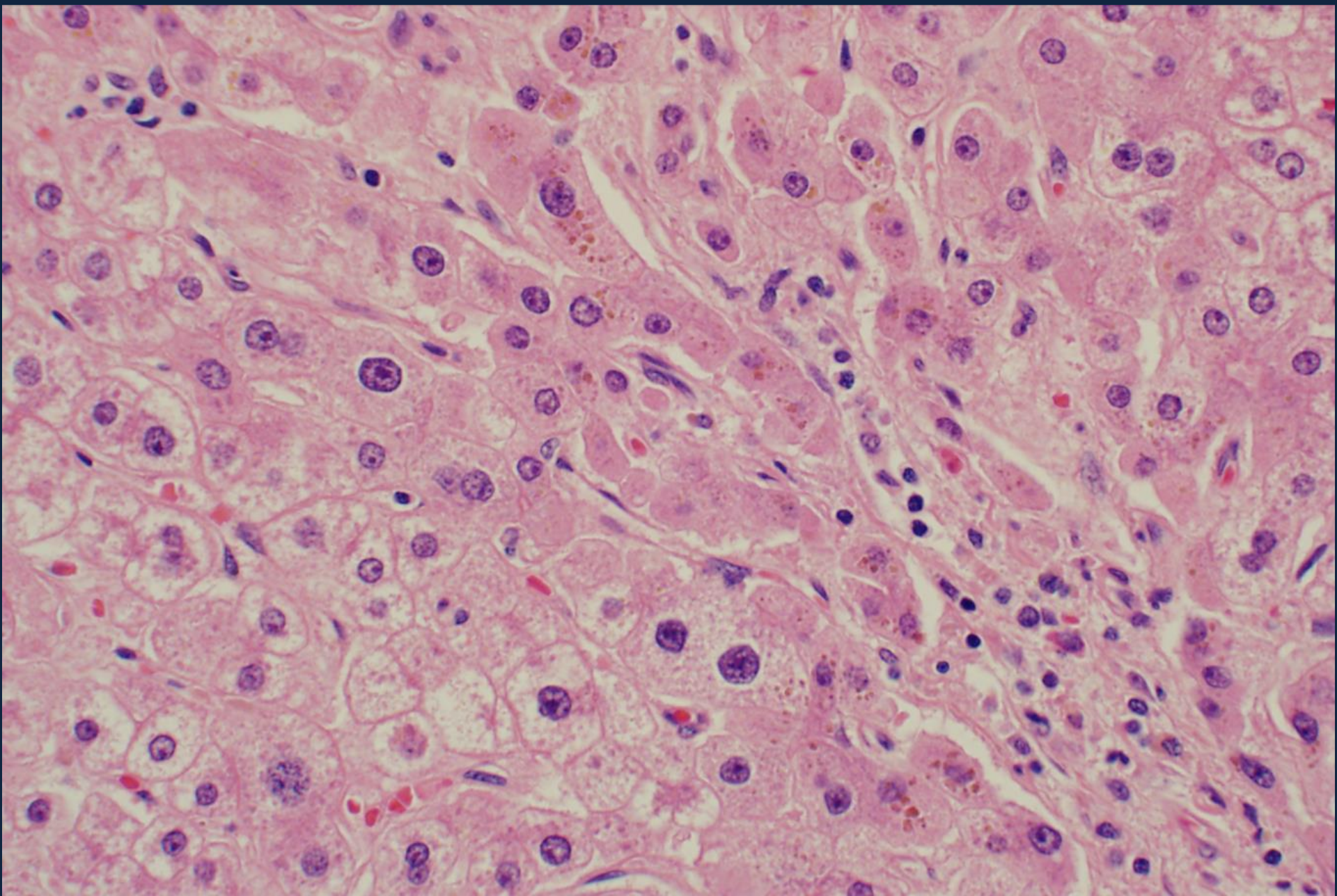
Two criteria

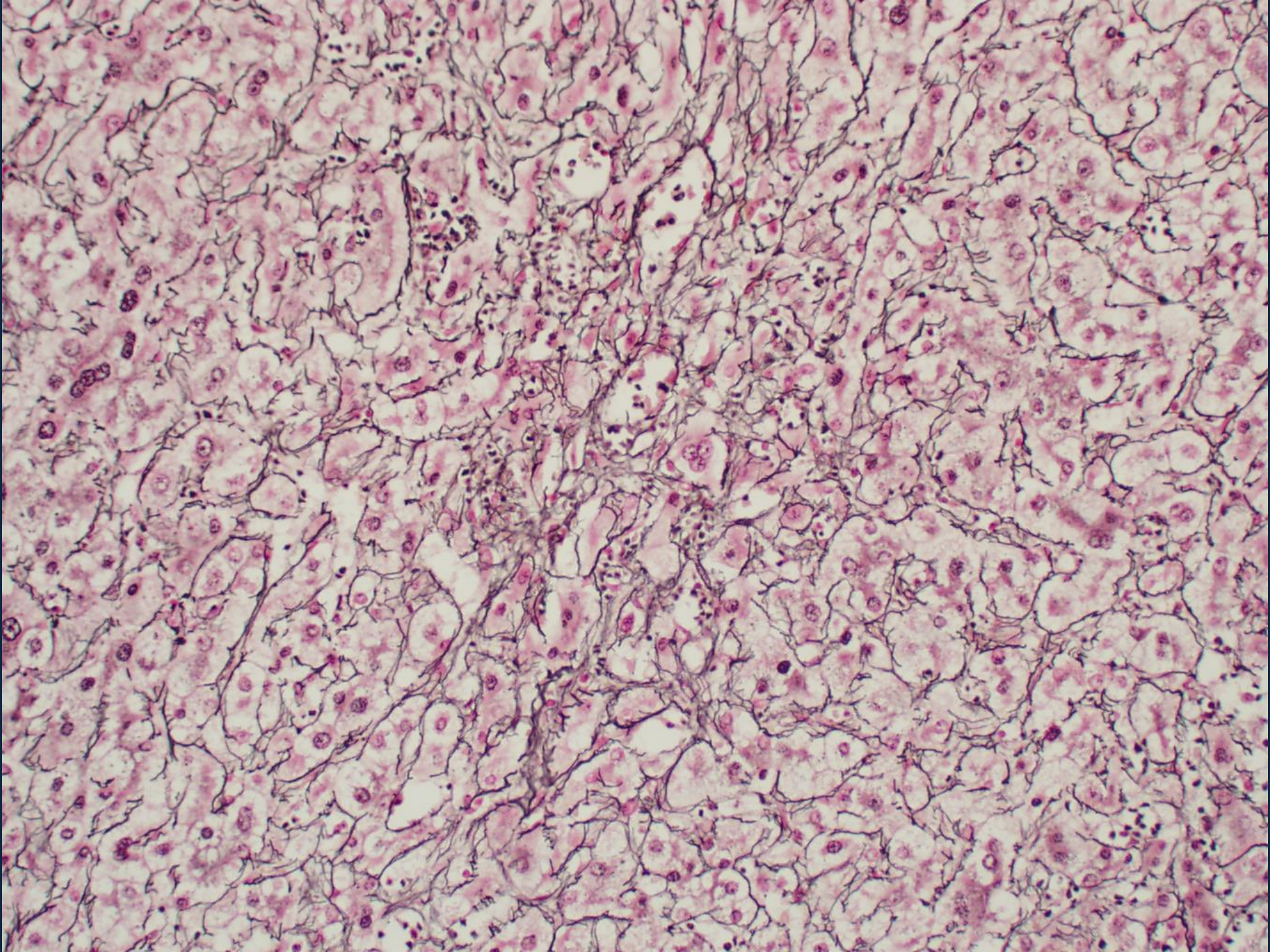
- **Cytoarchitectural abnormalities**
 - Small cell change/cytologic atypia
 - Thick cell plates
 - Prominent pseudoacinar architecture
- **Multifocal reticulin loss**
(not necessary if sufficient cytoarchitectural atypia)

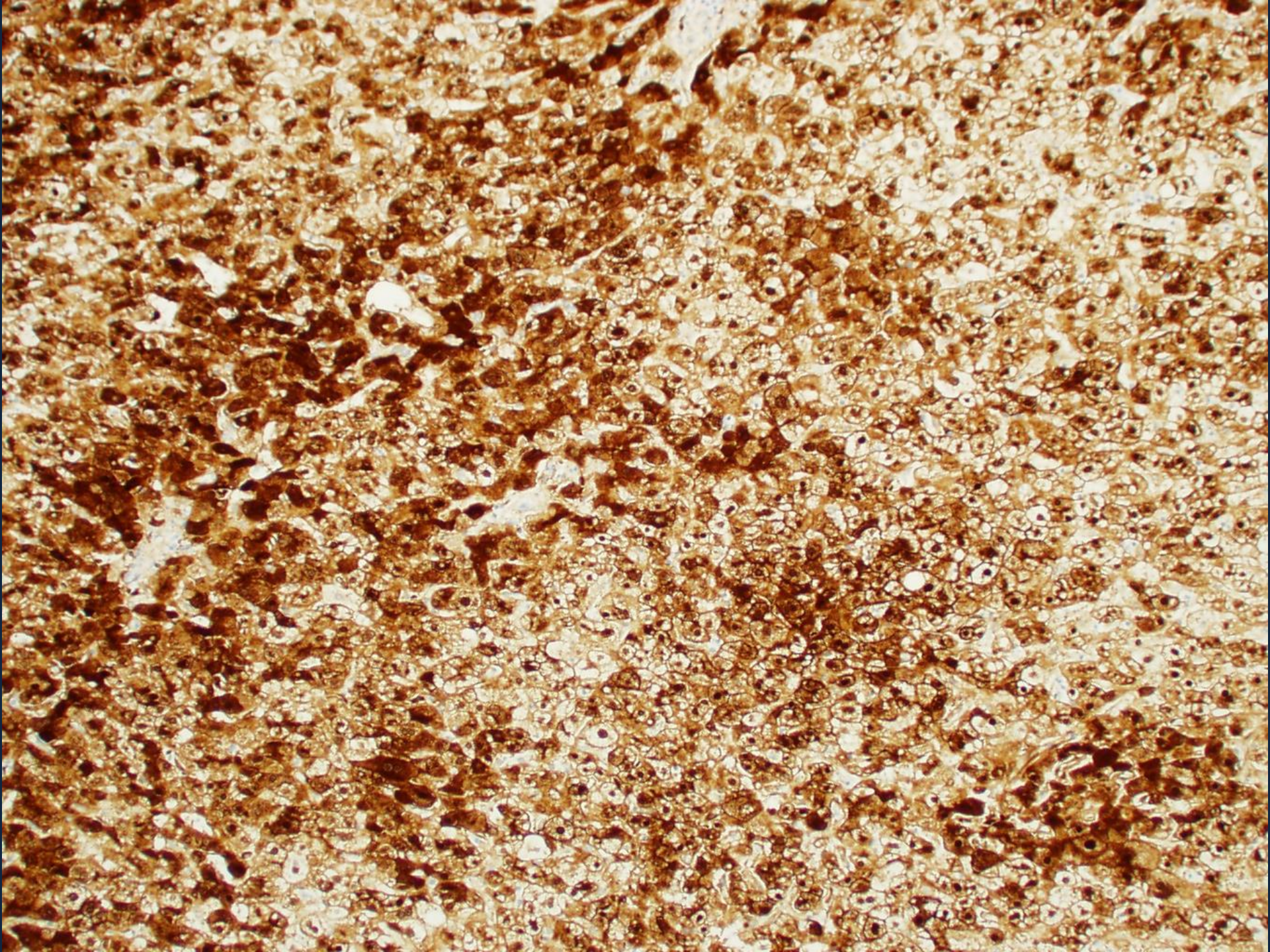
62/F, 6 cm liver mass

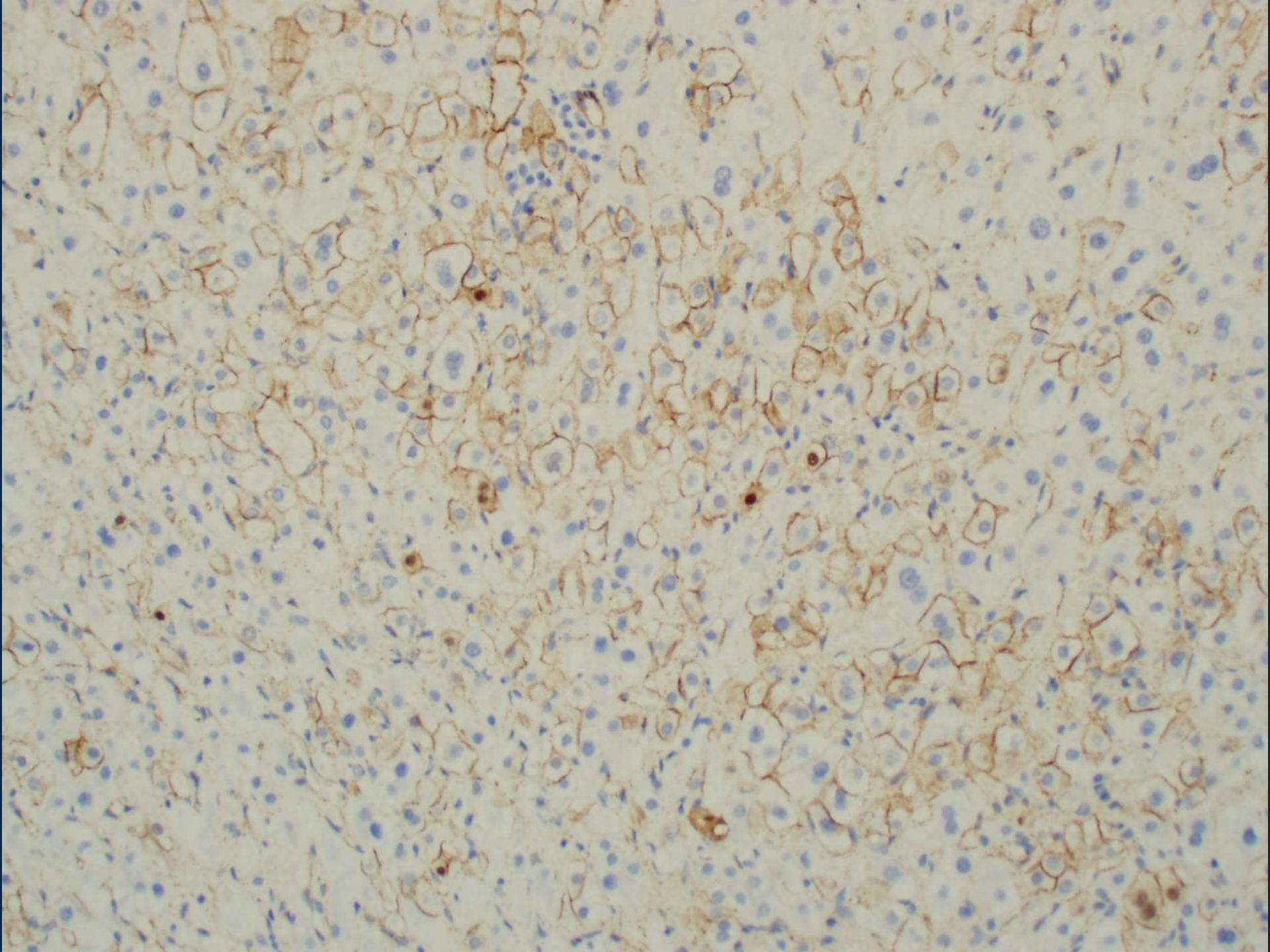


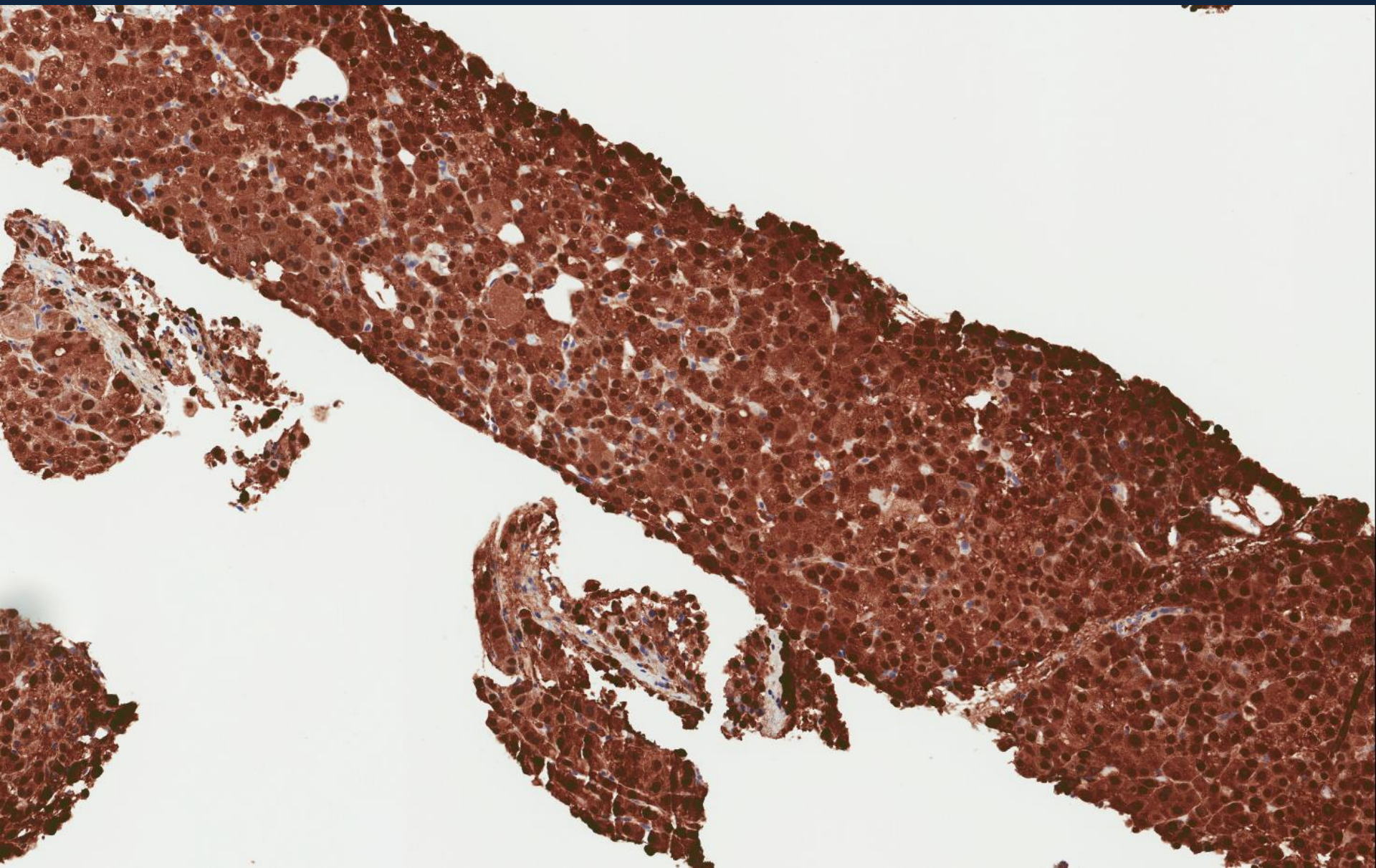
Nuclear atypia, no architectural changes

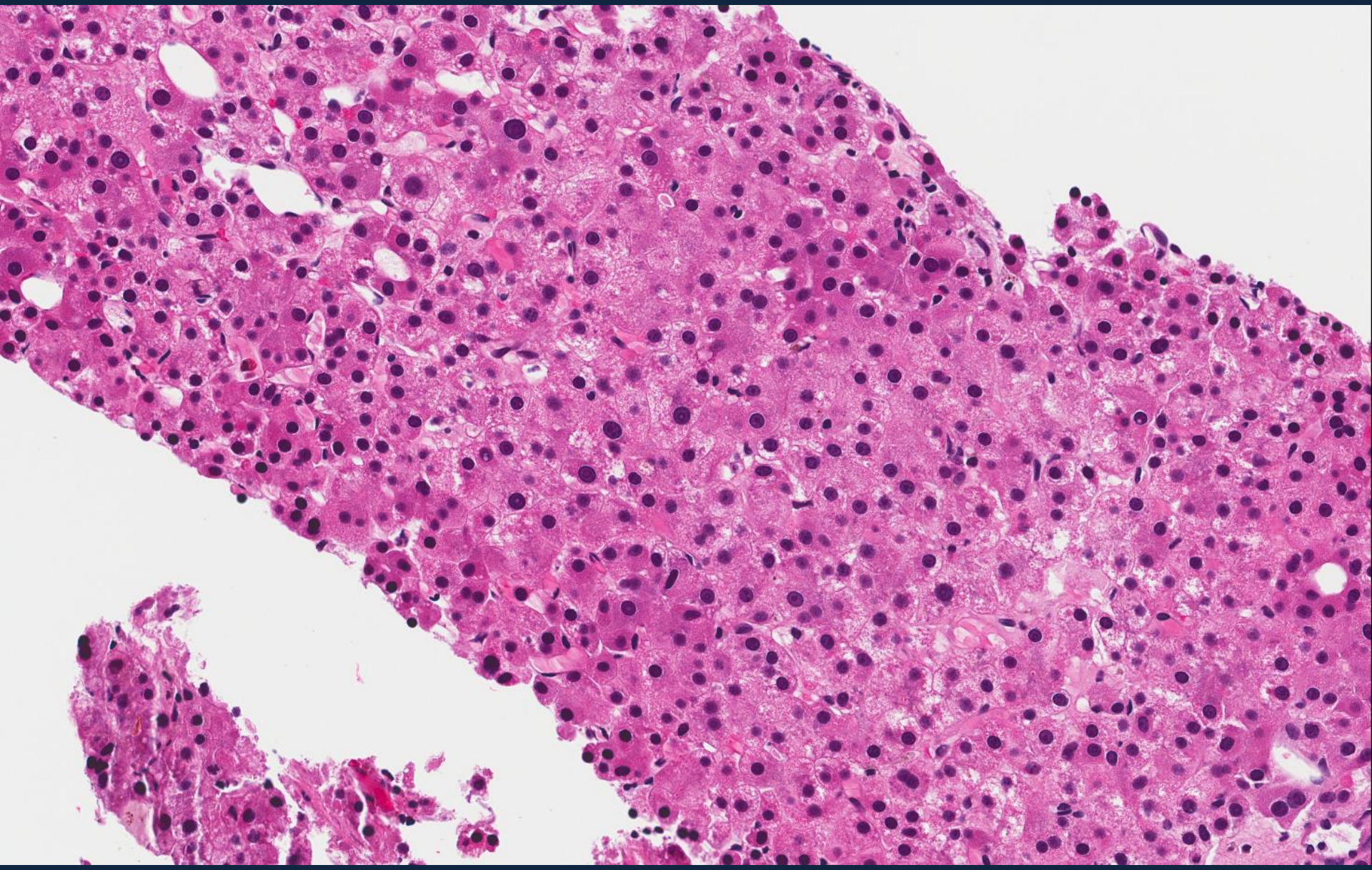


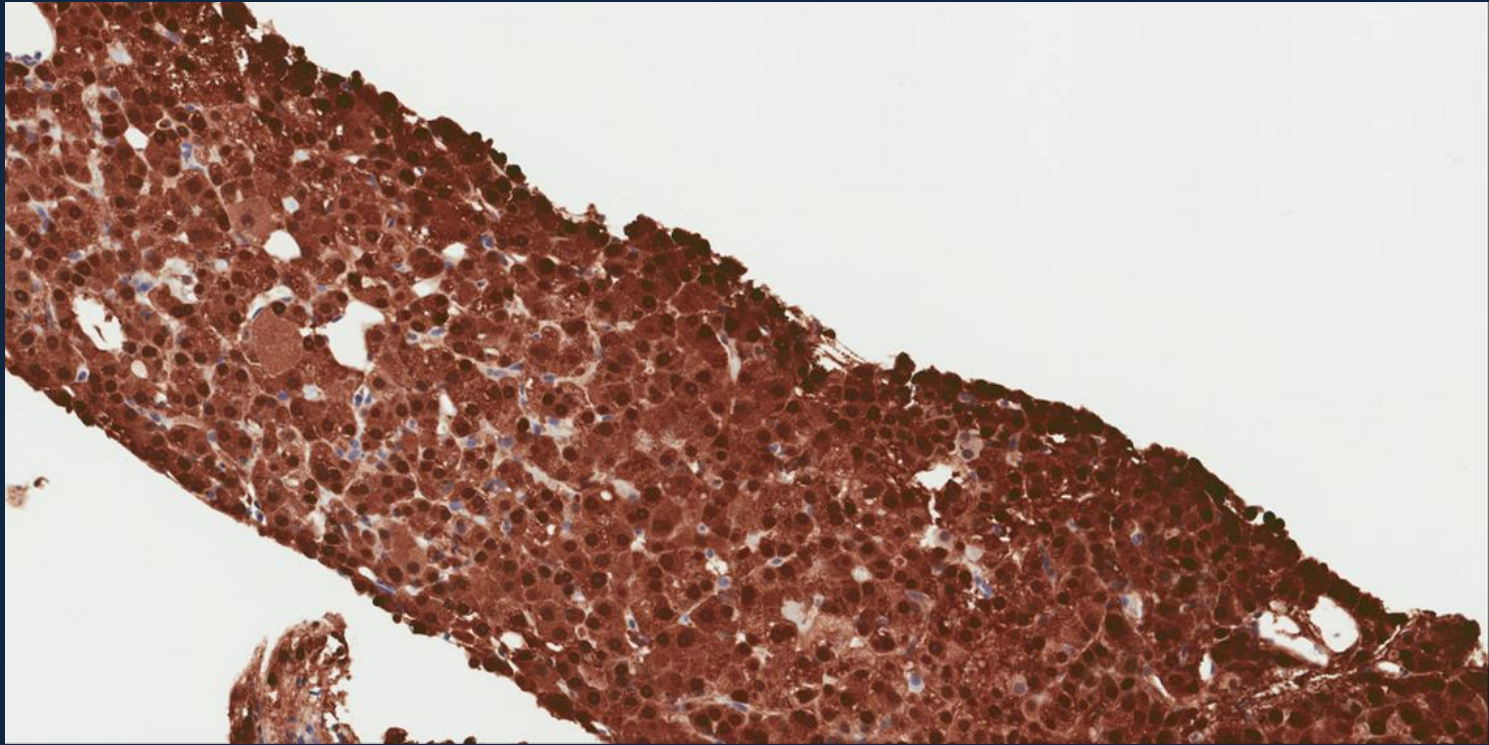


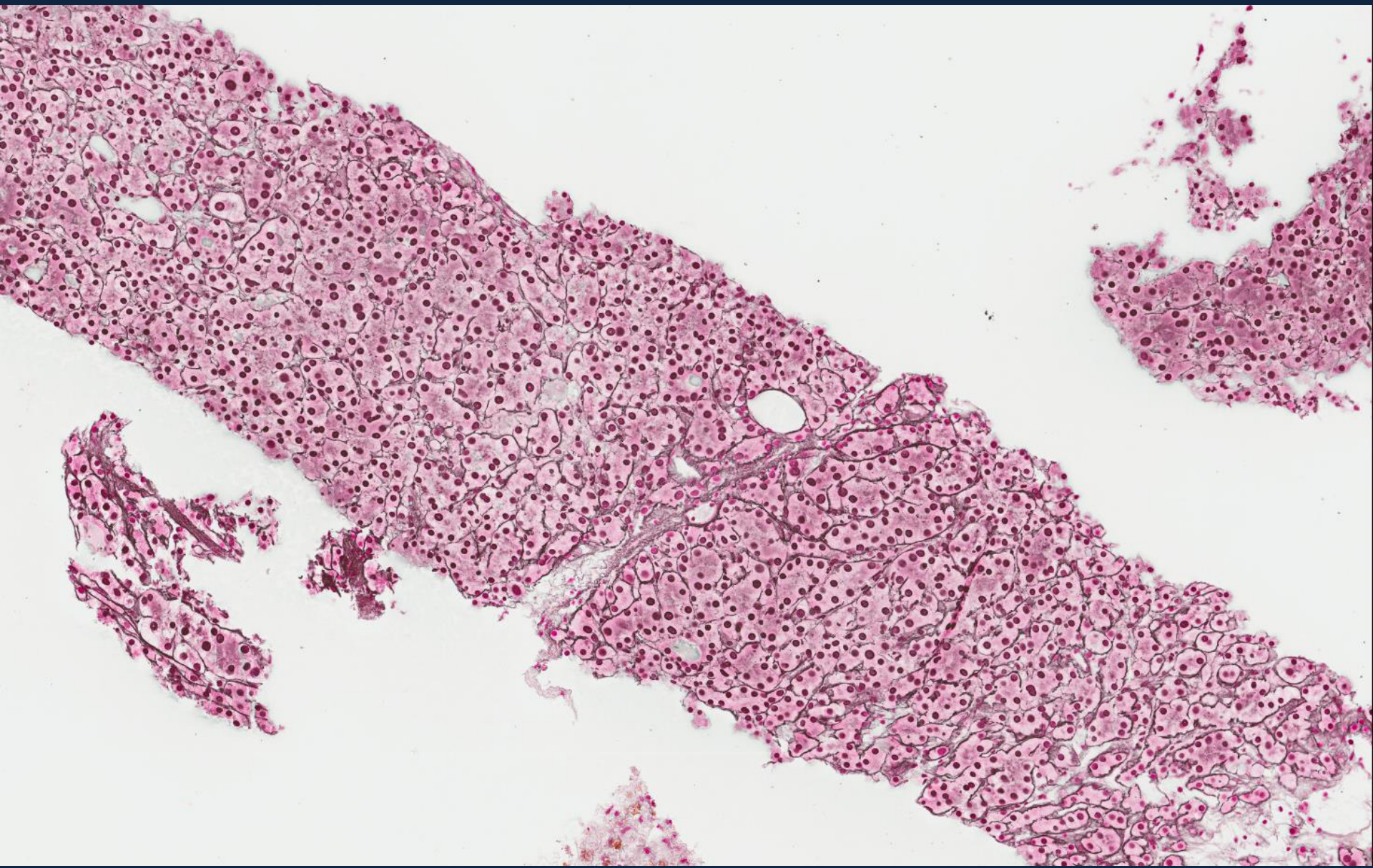




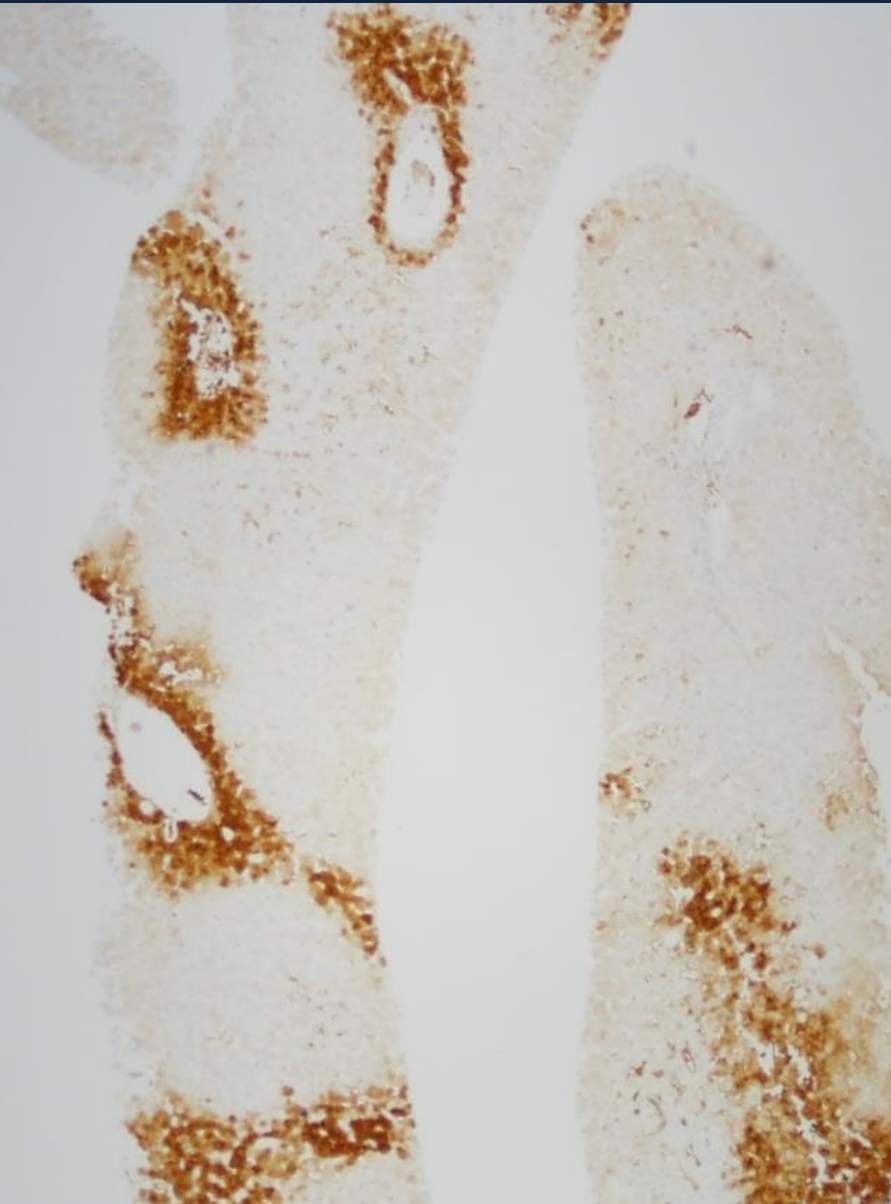




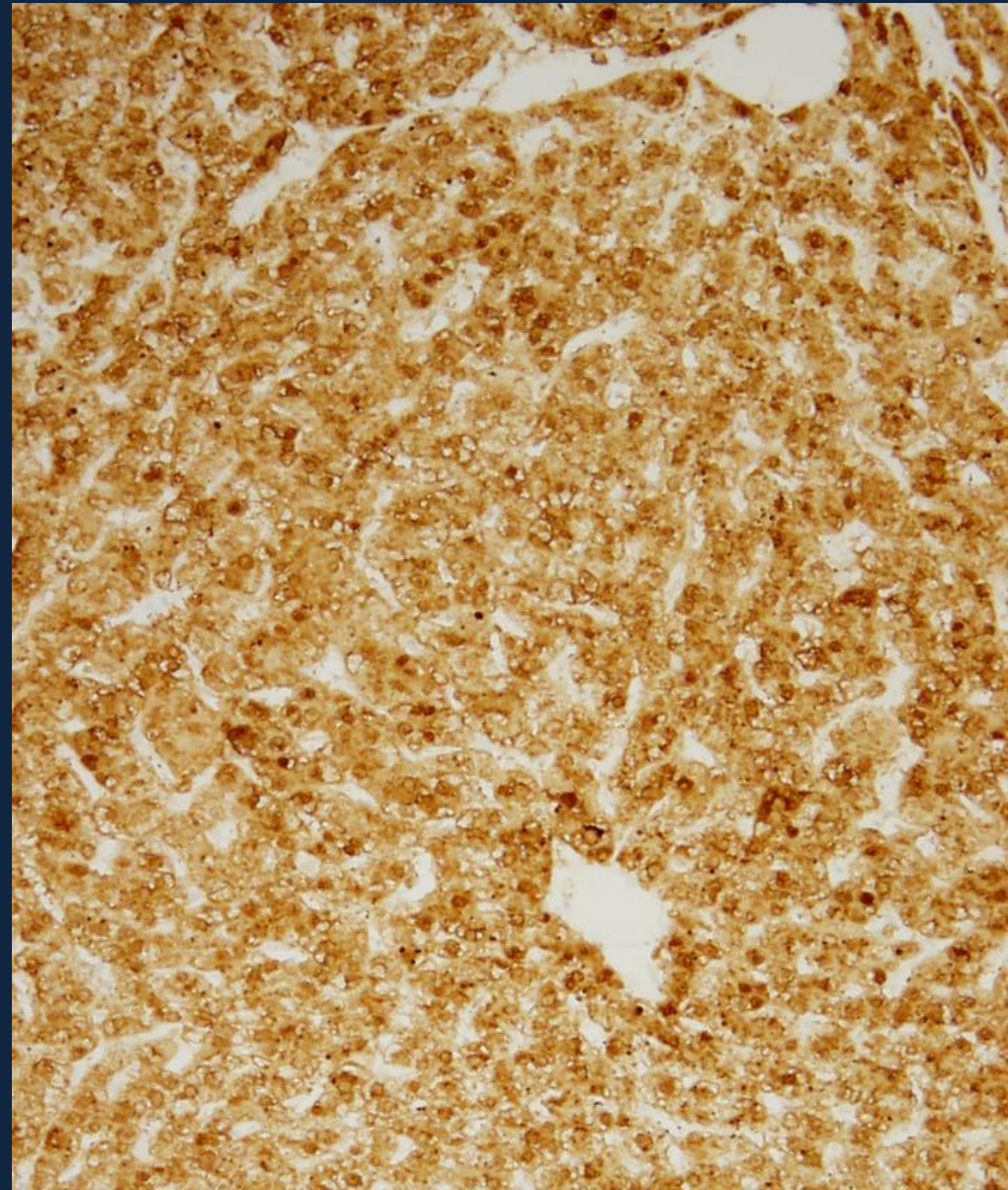




**Normal liver: perivenular
glutamine synthetase (GS)**



**β -catenin-activation:
diffuse GS**



Diffuse GS

